

February 25, 2010

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF GENERAL ELECTRIC HITACHI REQUEST FOR
WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

On November 11, 2009, Ms. Julie Olivier transmitted an affidavit, signed by Ms. Olivier, requesting that information, related to the General Electric-Hitachi (GEH) Global Laser Enrichment (GLE) facility license application, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 2.390. GEH did not provide a non-proprietary version of the information.

In the affidavit, dated November 11, 2009, Ms. Olivier stated that GEH wishes to withhold, from public disclosure, Enclosure 1 entitled "Response to the October 7, 2009, Request for Additional Information." This response is classified as proprietary because it contains non-public details of uranium enrichment technology developed by GLE.

In the affidavit, Ms. Olivier stated that the above documents should be withheld from public disclosure for the following reason:

It is information which, if used by a competitor, would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product or process.

We have reviewed the justification that Ms. Olivier provided in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of Ms. Olivier's statements, have determined that Enclosure 1 sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Withholding information from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jennifer A. Davis at (301) 415-3835 or via email at Jennifer.Davis@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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