

March 29, 2010

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(MFN 09-333, SUPPLEMENT 1)

Dear Mr. Head:

By letter dated March 15, 2010, and associated affidavit executed on March 15, 2010, by Larry Tucker, Mr. Tucker indicated that the information contained in "Supplemental Response to NRC RAI Letter No. 314 Related to ESBWR Design Certification Application – DCD Tier 2 Section 3.9 – Mechanical Systems and Components; RAI Number 3.9-144 S02," should be withheld as proprietary. GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) requested that this information be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.390.

A nonproprietary copy of this information was provided in Enclosure 3 and was placed in the NRC Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Public Electronic Reading Room (ADAMS Accession No. ML100770083).

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

1. The information discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GEH's competitors without license from GEH constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies; and
2. The 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.

We have reviewed the March 15, 2010, letter and affidavit in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of the statements contained therein, have determined that the information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure. Therefore, the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-3808.

Sincerely,

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