



UNITED STATES
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July 26, 2010

Mr. Eric McCartney, Vice President
H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant,
Unit No. 2
Carolina Power & Light Company
3581 West Entrance Road
Hartsville, South Carolina 29550-0790

SUBJECT: H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2 -- REQUEST FOR
WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(TAC NO. ME4037)

Dear Mr. McCartney:

By letter dated July 26, 2010, you submitted an affidavit dated July 13, 2010, executed by Gayle F. Elliott, Manager, Product Licensing, for AREVA NP Inc., requesting that the information contained in the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

AREVA NP document 51-9137268-000, "Capability Study for BMN
Ultrasonic Examination Procedure 54-ISI-167-03."

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

- (b) Use of the information by a competitor would permit the competitor to significantly reduce its expenditures, in time or resources, to design, produce, or market a similar product or service.
- (c) The information includes test data or analytical techniques concerning a process, methodology, or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage for AREVA NP.
- (e) The information is vital to a competitive advantage held by AREVA NP, would be helpful to competitors to AREVA NP, and would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of AREVA NP.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of the statements in the affidavit, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(a)(4).

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Therefore, AREVA NP document 51-9137268-000 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.

Withholding 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.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-2788.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy J. Orf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tracy" being the most prominent part.

Tracy J. Orf, Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch II-2
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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cc: Gayle F. Elliott
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