

May 10, 2011

Mr. Scott Head  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
FOR SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT UNITS 3 AND 4 "SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT  
UNITS 3 & 4 RESPONSE TO ACRS ACTION ITEMS FROM THE OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>  
MEETING"

Dear Mr. Head:

By letter dated February 28, 2011, you submitted an affidavit dated January 11, 2011, executed by B.F. Maurer, Manager, ABWR Licensing, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), requesting that "South Texas Project Units 3 & 4 Response to ACRS Action Items from the October 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting" (Attachments 4 and 5) contains information specifically considered to be proprietary to Westinghouse that should be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2, Section 2.390.

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

- i. This information is and has been withheld in confidence by Westinghouse.
- ii. This information is of a type that is customarily held in confidence by Westinghouse and there is a rational basis for doing so because the information contains sensitive schedule information.
- iii. This information is being submitted to the NRC voluntarily and in confidence.
- iv. This information is not available in public sources and could not be gathered readily from other publicly available information.
- v. Public disclosure of this information would create substantial harm to the competitive position of Westinghouse by providing computer input information.

We have reviewed the February 28, 2011, letter and the affidavit in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted 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.

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 301-415-6197 or [Tekia.Govan@nrc.gov](mailto:Tekia.Govan@nrc.gov)

Sincerely,

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