

December 5, 2011

Mr. David J. Precht, Plant Manager
Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE:
REPLY TO DOCUMENTATION REQUEST – WESTINGHOUSE COLUMBIA FUEL
FABRICATION FACILITY

Dear Mr. Precht:

By letter dated November 18, 2011, you requested that information be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390. Your affidavit stated that the information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure because the information that is sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned and has been held in confidence by Westinghouse Columbia. Disclosure would likely cause harm to the competitive advantage because it contains distinguishing aspects of a methodology.

We reviewed your application and submittal in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and on the basis of your statements, determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary, commercial information. Therefore, the version of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from the public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b) 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 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 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). You should also 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.

In accordance with 10 CFR, §2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records System component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

D. Precht

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 492-3189 or via e-mail to Christopher.Ryder@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Ryder, Licensing Project Manager
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