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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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February 29, 2012

Vice President, Operations
Entergy Operations, Inc.
Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
P.O. Box 756
Port Gibson, MS 39150

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
FOR GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. ME4679)

Dear Sir or Madam:

On January 30, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff met with Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy, the licensee), to discuss the replacement steam dryer at Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (GGNS). Entergy had requested that portions of the January 30, 2012, meeting be closed since proprietary information would be discussed. By e-mail dated February 2, 2012 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML120440242), you submitted an affidavit dated January 30, 2012, executed by Mr. Edward D. Schrull, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas LLC (GEH), requesting that the following information be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

Meeting Slide Presentation, "GGNS EPU Steam Dryer Review (Proprietary)," dated January 30, 2012 (GEH Proprietary Information – Class III).

A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the NRC's Public Document Room and added to the NRC Library in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at Accession No. ML120340190.

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

- a. Information that 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.
- b. Information that, if used by a competitor, would reduce their expenditure of resources or improve their competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product.

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.

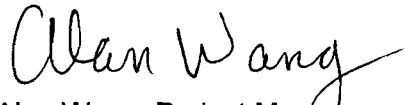
Therefore, the version of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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, please contact me at 301-415-1445 or via e-mail at alan.wang@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Wang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alan" and last name "Wang" clearly distinguishable.

Alan Wang, Project Manager
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-416

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