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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER FOR WCAP-17577, "TOPICAL REPORT ON ASME SECTION III PIPING FATIGUE ANALYSIS UTILIZING THE WESTEMS™ COMPUTER CODE" FOR SAFETY EVALUATION (TAC NO. RP8500)

Dear Mr. Russ:

By letter dated February 29, 2012 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML120610676), Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC (W) submitted WCAP-17577, "Topical Report on ASME Section III Piping Fatigue Analysis Utilizing the WESTEMS™ Computer Code," to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of WCAP-17577, "Topical Report on ASME Section III Piping Fatigue Analysis Utilizing the WESTEMS™ Computer Code." The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The NRC staff has reviewed WCAP-17577 and concluded that it did not provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of WCAP-17577, "Topical Report on ASME Section III Piping Fatigue Analysis Utilizing the WESTEMS™ Computer Code."

This information need was conveyed to your staff during the conference calls on May 3 and May 7, 2012. The NRC staff identified that the information included in the enclosure to this letter was needed to complete its technical review.

By letter dated May 9, 2012, Westinghouse requested to withdraw the WESTEMS report from NRC review. The staff acknowledges your request to withdraw the WESTEMS report. NRC staff activities on the review have ceased and the associated Technical Assignment Control number has been closed.

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The NRC staff notes that its review to date has identified that your application did not provide the technical information (see Enclosure) in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed review. Therefore, if you decide to re-submit the request, it must include the information included in the enclosure.

The enclosure to this letter is being provided only to Westinghouse for review of proprietary information pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390 "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding." The NRC will withhold the enclosure from public disclosure for a total of 20 business days. This includes 10 business days from the date of this letter to allow you the opportunity to verify the enclosure for proprietary content not previously identified and 10 business days for a check of any factual errors. If within that 20 day period you do not request that all or portions of the enclosure be withheld from public disclosure, the enclosure will be made publically available through the NRC Public Document Room and the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System and placed on the NRC public web page for this application.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-6191 or Ravindra.Joshi@NRC.gov.

Sincerely,

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