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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC  
DISCLOSURE OF PROPRIETARY MATERIALS REGARDING  
"RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NO. 407,  
SUPPLEMENT 16"

Dear Mr. Salas:

By e-mail dated January 25, 2012, and associated affidavit executed by Kathleen A. Bennett on January 25, 2012, (Agency wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML12026A001) you submitted a document, in response to RAI No. 407, Supplement 16. You requested that this document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390.

A proprietary copy of this document has been placed in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Public Document Room and added to the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room (ADAMS Accession No. ML12026A001). The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

The information reveals certain distinguishing aspects of process methodology, or component, the exclusive use of which provides a competitive advantage for AREVA NP in product optimization or marketability.

We have reviewed your application and the material 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 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.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-3361.

Sincerely,

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