

November 7, 2013

Mr. Pedro Salas, Manager
Corporate Regulatory Affairs
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SUBJECT: AREVA NP, INC. REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Dear Mr. Salas:

By letter dated September 13, 2013, an affidavit dated September 13, 2013, was executed and submitted by Ms. Gayle F. Elliott, Manager, Product Licensing for AREVA NP, requesting that the information contained in the following AREVA NP topical report be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

Report EMF-2103(P), Revision 3, "Realistic Large Break LOCA Methodology for Pressurized Water Reactors."

A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Electronic Library.

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure because it is:

- a. Information that includes test data or analytical techniques concerning a process, methodology, or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage for AREVA NP;
- b. Information that reveals certain distinguishing aspects of a 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.

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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 301-415-1002.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Joseph A. Golla, Project Manager
Licensing Processes Branch
Division of Policy and Rulemaking
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