

April 16, 2014

Mr. Mark Beaumont, Director  
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SUBJECT: WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
FOR HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL'S VOLUNTARY RESPONSE TO  
REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2013-18, "LICENSING SUBMITTAL  
INFORMATION AND DESIGN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR SMALL  
MODULAR REACTOR DESIGNS"

Dear Mr. Beaumont:

By letter dated January 30, 2014, Holtec International submitted an affidavit (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14036A136) in which you requested that the information contained in the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

Response to RIS 2013-18, "Licensing Submittal Information and Design Development Activities for Small Modular Reactor Designs" (Proprietary) (ADAMS Accession No. ML14036A137)

A nonproprietary copy of Response to RIS 2013-18, "Licensing Submittal Information and Design Development Activities for Small Modular Reactor Designs" (ADAMS Accession No. ML14036A136) has been placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and added to the NRC Library in ADAMS.

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure because it contains information which, if used by a competitor, would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product; and information which reveals cost or price information, production, capacities, budget levels, or commercial strategies of Holtec International, its customers, or its suppliers.

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 affidavits, 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 regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-0498.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

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