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April 7, 2015

Mr. Scott Batson
Site Vice President
Oconee Nuclear Station
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
7800 Rochester Highway
Seneca, SC 29672-0752

SUBJECT: OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3, REQUEST FOR
WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(TAC NOS. ME9024, ME9025, AND ME9026)

Dear Mr. Batson:

By letter dated April 24, 2014,¹ you submitted an affidavit dated April 2, 2014, executed by Mr. Alan Meginnis of AREVA NP Inc., requesting that the information contained in the following documents be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

Report ANP-3267Q1P, Revision 1, "Response to NRC Request for Additional Information (RAI) Related to the MRP-227-A Applicant/Licensee Action Item #7 Analysis Supporting the Reactor Vessel Internals Inspection Plan Amendment Request for Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS), Units 1, 2, and 3"

A nonproprietary copy of Attachment 3 to letter dated April 24, 2014, can be found as Attachment 1 of the same letter, and has been placed in the NRC's Public Document Room and added to the NRC Library in ADAMS. Attachment 3 to letter dated April 24, 2014, is withheld in its entirety.

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(a)(4) for the following reasons:

- 6(c) The information includes test data or analytical techniques concerning a process, methodology, or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage for AREVA NP.
- 6(d) The information 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.
- 6(e) The information is vital to a competitive advantage held by AREVA, would be helpful to competitors to AREVA, and would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of AREVA.

¹ Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Package Accession No. ML15065A342.

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The NRC staff has 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, has 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 301-415-4032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Hall".

James R. Hall, Senior Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch II-1
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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