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Vice President, Operations
Arkansas Nuclear One
Entergy Operations, Inc.
1448 S.R. 333
Russellville, AR 72802

SUBJECT: ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT NO. 1 - REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (TAC NO. ME4203)

Dear Sir or Madam:

By letter dated January 26, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Package Accession No. ML15028A495), Entergy Operations, Inc., submitted responses to requests for additional information regarding a time-limited aging analysis for the reactor vessel internals at Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1. The information included an affidavit executed by Gayle F. Elliott, AREVA Inc. (AREVA), dated January 26, 2015, requesting that information contained in the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to the Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

- ANP-3281Q1P, Revision 0, "Response to NRC Request for Additional Information on Time-Limited Aging Analysis for the ANO-1 Reactor Vessel Internals," dated January 2015.

A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and added to the NRC Library at ADAMS Accession No. ML15028A493.

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

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

We have reviewed your submittal in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of the statements in the affidavit, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure. Therefore, 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 301-415-1081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ASL' followed by a stylized flourish.

Andrea E. George, Project Manager
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