

October 19, 2015

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 SUBMITTAL OF
REQUEST FOR A COMMISSION-APPROVED SIMULATION FACILITY
(CAC NO. RP9515)

Dear Mr. Gresham:

By letter dated September 18, 2015, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (SNC) submitted an affidavit dated September 17, 2015, from Westinghouse Electric Company (Westinghouse). In the affidavit, Westinghouse 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:

Enclosure 5P contains an evaluation of AP1000 simulation facility unresolved items that were issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) (proprietary);

Enclosure 6P contains an evaluation of open simulator deficiencies and their aggregate impact on 10 CFR 55.45 criteria (proprietary);

Enclosure 8P contains an evaluation of Priority One Potential Human Engineering Discrepancies from Integrated Systems Validation Daily Assessments (proprietary);
and

Enclosure 9P contains a list of simulator discrepancies that were open as of May 15, 2015 (proprietary).

A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the NRC Public Document Room and added to the NRC's ADAMS Library (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession Number ML15265A107).

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

- (a) The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned by Westinghouse and has been held in confidence by Westinghouse;
- (b) The information sought to be protected is not available to the public to the best of your knowledge and belief; and
- (c) The information is of the type that would customarily be held in confidence by Westinghouse. Public disclosure of this information is likely to cause harm to SNC because it would allow contractors, vendors, and competitors to understand the competitive position of Westinghouse.

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 affidavit, 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 301-415-2809.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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