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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
OF ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE TOPICAL REPORT
BWRVIP-100, REVISION 1: "BWR VESSEL AND INTERNALS PROJECT,
UPDATED ASSESSMENT OF THE FRACTURE TOUGHNESS OF
IRRADIATED STAINLESS STEEL FOR BWR CORE SHROUDS"
(TAC NO. ME8329)

Dear Mr. Hanley:

By letters dated February 7, 2012, and July 15, 2015 (2012 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Package Accession Nos. ML120440348 and ML15201A145), the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP) submitted affidavits executed by Mr. Neil Wilmshurst, Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), on February 6, 2012, and by Mr. Randy Stark, Director, EPRI on July 14, 2015, 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:

BWRVIP-100, Revision 1: "BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Updated Assessment of the Fracture Toughness of Irradiated Stainless Steel for BWR Core Shrouds"

BWRVIP Response to NRC Second Request for Additional Information on BWRVIP- 100, Revision 1

Nonproprietary copies of these document have been placed in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and added to the NRC Library in ADAMS Package Accession Nos. referenced earlier.

The reasons for requesting withholding of the report are provided in the affidavits.

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(s) 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 you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-7297 or by electronic mail at Joseph.Holonich@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Joseph J. Holonich, Senior Project Manager
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