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Mr. Joseph W. Shea
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION FROM
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1
(CAC NO. MF6760)

Dear Mr. Shea:

By letter dated September 25, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML15268A566), Tennessee Valley Authority submitted an affidavit dated August 27, 2015, executed by Mr. Alan B. Meginnis of AREVA Inc., requesting 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) Section 2.390:

AREVA FS1-0023301, Revision 1, "Browns Ferry Unit 1 Cycle 12 MCPR [Minimum Critical Power Ratio] Safety Limit Analysis with SAFLIM3D Methodology"

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

- 6(b) Use of the information by a competitor would permit the competitor to significantly reduce its expenditures, in time or resources, to design, produce, or market a similar product or service.
- 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 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.

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, AREVA FS1-0023301, Revision 1, 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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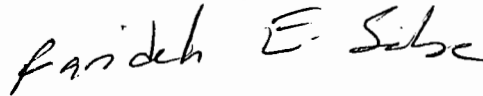
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Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, 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 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (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 301-415-1447 or Farideh.Saba@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



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