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August 16, 2016

Mr. Joseph W. Shea
Vice President, Nuclear Licensing
Tennessee Valley Authority
1101 Market Street, LP 3R-C
Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801

SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 – REQUEST FOR
WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(CAC NOS. MF6741, MF6742, AND MF6743)

Dear Mr. Shea:

By letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), dated July 13, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML16204A089), Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee) submitted an affidavit dated July 11, 2016, executed by Ms. Lisa K. Schichlein, Senior Project Manager, Regulatory Affairs, General Electric-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas LLC (GEH), requesting that the information contained in the following document (Enclosure 1 of the letter dated July 13, 2016) be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.390:

Compact Disk Containing Time Histories of the BWR [Boiling Water Reactor]/4
Benchmark On-Dryer Strain Gauges at the EPU [Extended Power Uprate] Conditions
(Proprietary Information)

Due to the extent of proprietary information found in the compact disk, the licensee was not required to submit a non-proprietary version of the compact disk.

The GEH affidavit, dated July 11, 2016, stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (4) (a) Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GEH's competitors without license from GEH constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
- (b) Information that, if used by a competitor, would reduce their expenditure of resources or improve their competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product.

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.

J. Shea

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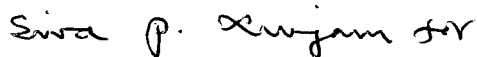
Therefore, the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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, please contact me at (301) 415-1447 or Farideh.Saba@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Farideh E. Saba, Senior Project Manager
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Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296

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