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DCP\_NRC\_003305

July 29, 2016

**Subject: Transmittal of Westinghouse Response to RIS 2016-08 (Proprietary)**

Please note that this letter supersedes DCP\_NRC\_003304 in its entirety.

Enclosed is the proprietary response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2016-08, "Process for Scheduling and Allocating Resources in Fiscal Year 2019 for the Review of New Licensing Applications for Light-Water Reactors and Non-Light-Water Reactors." The response represents our current forecast for activities related to Part 52. However, for business reasons the forecast may change. Therefore, there are no commitments provided in this letter.

All information contained in Enclosure 3 is proprietary, as such, a non-proprietary version will not be issued.

Enclosure 3 contains information which is proprietary to Westinghouse. Accordingly, we request that this information be withheld from public disclosure. In conformance with the requirements of 10 CFR Section 2.390, as amended, of the Commission's regulations, also enclosed is an Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure and an Affidavit. The Affidavit sets forth the basis on which the information identified as proprietary may be withheld from public disclosure by the Commission.

Correspondence with respect to the proprietary aspects of the Application for Withholding or the Westinghouse Affidavit should reference AW-16-4442 and should be addressed to James A. Gresham, Manager, Regulatory Compliance, Westinghouse Electric Company, 1000 Westinghouse Drive, Building 3 Suite 310, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania 16066.

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Russ, Director  
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/Enclosures

1. AW-16-4442 "Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Disclosure," dated July 29, 2016
2. AW-16-4442, Affidavit, Proprietary Information Notice, Copyright Notice dated July 29, 2016
3. Westinghouse Response to RIS 2016-08 (Proprietary)

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ENCLOSURE 1

AW-16-4442

Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Disclosure



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AW-16-4442

July 29, 2016

APPLICATION FOR WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY  
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Subject: Westinghouse Response to RIS 2016-08 (Proprietary)

Reference: Letter from Paul A. Russ to Document Control Desk, DCP\_NRC\_003305, dated July 29, 2016 (Proprietary)

The Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure is submitted by Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b)(1) of Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations. It contains commercial strategic information proprietary to Westinghouse and customarily held in confidence.

The proprietary information for which withholding is being requested is identified in the proprietary version of the subject report. In conformance with 10 CFR Section 2.390, Affidavit AW-16-4442 accompanies this Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure, setting forth the basis on which the identified proprietary information may be withheld from public disclosure.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the subject information which is proprietary to Westinghouse be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations.

Correspondence with respect to the proprietary aspects of this Application for Withholding or the accompanying Affidavit should reference AW-16-4442 and should be addressed to James A. Gresham, Manager, Regulatory Compliance, Westinghouse Electric Company, 1000 Westinghouse Drive, Building 3 Suite 310, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania 16066.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul A. Russ'.

Paul A. Russ, Director

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ENCLOSURE 2

Affidavit, Proprietary Information Notice, Copyright Notice

AW-16-4442

July 29, 2016

AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

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COUNTY OF BUTLER:

I, Paul A. Russ, am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), and I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul A. Russ", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul A. Russ, Director

Licensing & Regulatory Support

- (1) I am Director, Licensing & Regulatory Support, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), and as such, I have been specifically delegated the function of reviewing the proprietary information sought to be withheld from public disclosure in connection with nuclear power plant licensing and rule making proceedings, and am authorized to apply for its withholding on behalf of Westinghouse.
- (2) I am making this Affidavit in conformance with the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations and in conjunction with the Westinghouse Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure accompanying this Affidavit.
- (3) I have personal knowledge of the criteria and procedures utilized by Westinghouse in designating information as a trade secret, privileged or as confidential commercial or financial information.
- (4) Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b)(4) of Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations, the following is furnished for consideration by the Commission in determining whether the information sought to be withheld from public disclosure should be withheld.
  - (i) The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned and has been held in confidence by Westinghouse.
  - (ii) The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by Westinghouse and not customarily disclosed to the public. Westinghouse has a rational basis for determining the types of information customarily held in confidence by it and, in that connection, utilizes a system to determine when and whether to hold certain types of information in confidence. The application of that system and the substance of that system constitute Westinghouse policy and provide the rational basis required.

Under that system, information is held in confidence if it falls in one or more of several types, the release of which might result in the loss of an existing or potential competitive advantage, as follows:

    - (a) The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of

Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.

- (b) It consists of supporting data, including test data, relative to a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.), the application of which data secures a competitive economic advantage, e.g., by optimization or improved marketability.
  - (c) Its use by a competitor would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing a similar product.
  - (d) It reveals cost or price information, production capacities, budget levels, or commercial strategies of Westinghouse, its customers or suppliers.
  - (e) It reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Westinghouse.
  - (f) It contains patentable ideas, for which patent protection may be desirable.
- (iii) There are sound policy reasons behind the Westinghouse system which include the following:
- (a) The use of such information by Westinghouse gives Westinghouse a competitive advantage over its competitors. It is, therefore, withheld from disclosure to protect the Westinghouse competitive position.
  - (b) It is information that is marketable in many ways. The extent to which such information is available to competitors diminishes the Westinghouse ability to sell products and services involving the use of the information.
  - (c) Use by our competitor would put Westinghouse at a competitive disadvantage by reducing his expenditure of resources at our expense.



- (d) Each component of proprietary information pertinent to a particular competitive advantage is potentially as valuable as the total competitive advantage. If competitors acquire components of proprietary information, any one component may be the key to the entire puzzle, thereby depriving Westinghouse of a competitive advantage.
  - (e) Unrestricted disclosure would jeopardize the position of prominence of Westinghouse in the world market, and thereby give a market advantage to the competition of those countries.
  - (f) The Westinghouse capacity to invest corporate assets in research and development depends upon the success in obtaining and maintaining a competitive advantage.
- (iv) The information is being transmitted to the Commission in confidence and, under the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.390, it is to be received in confidence by the Commission.
  - (v) The information sought to be protected is not available in public sources or available information has not been previously employed in the same original manner or method to the best of our knowledge and belief.
  - (vi) The proprietary information sought to be withheld in this submittal is that which is appropriately marked in Enclosure 3 (Proprietary), dated July 29, 2016, for submittal to the Commission, being transmitted by Westinghouse letter, DCP\_NRC\_003305, and Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure, to the Document Control Desk. The proprietary information as submitted by Westinghouse is that associated with the request in RIS 2016-08 and may be used only for that purpose.
- (a) This information is part of that which will enable Westinghouse to:
    - (i) Provide a voluntary response to NRC regarding Westinghouse activities related to Part 52 that may occur in fiscal years 2019-2021

- (b) Further this information has substantial commercial value as follows:
- (i) Westinghouse plans to sell the use of similar information to its customers for the purpose of plant construction and operation.
  - (ii) The information requested to be withheld will allow Westinghouse to maintain a strategic advantage over competitors.

Public disclosure of this proprietary information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of Westinghouse because it would enhance the ability of competitors to understand Westinghouse's new plant licensing strategies and licensing defense services for commercial power reactors without commensurate expenses. Also, public disclosure of the information would enable others to use the information to meet NRC requirements for licensing documentation without purchasing the right to use the information.

The development of the technology described in part by the information is the result of applying the results of many years of experience in an intensive Westinghouse effort and the expenditure of a considerable sum of money.

In order for competitors of Westinghouse to duplicate this information, similar technical programs would have to be performed and a significant manpower effort, having the requisite talent and experience, would have to be expended.

Further the deponent sayeth not.

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