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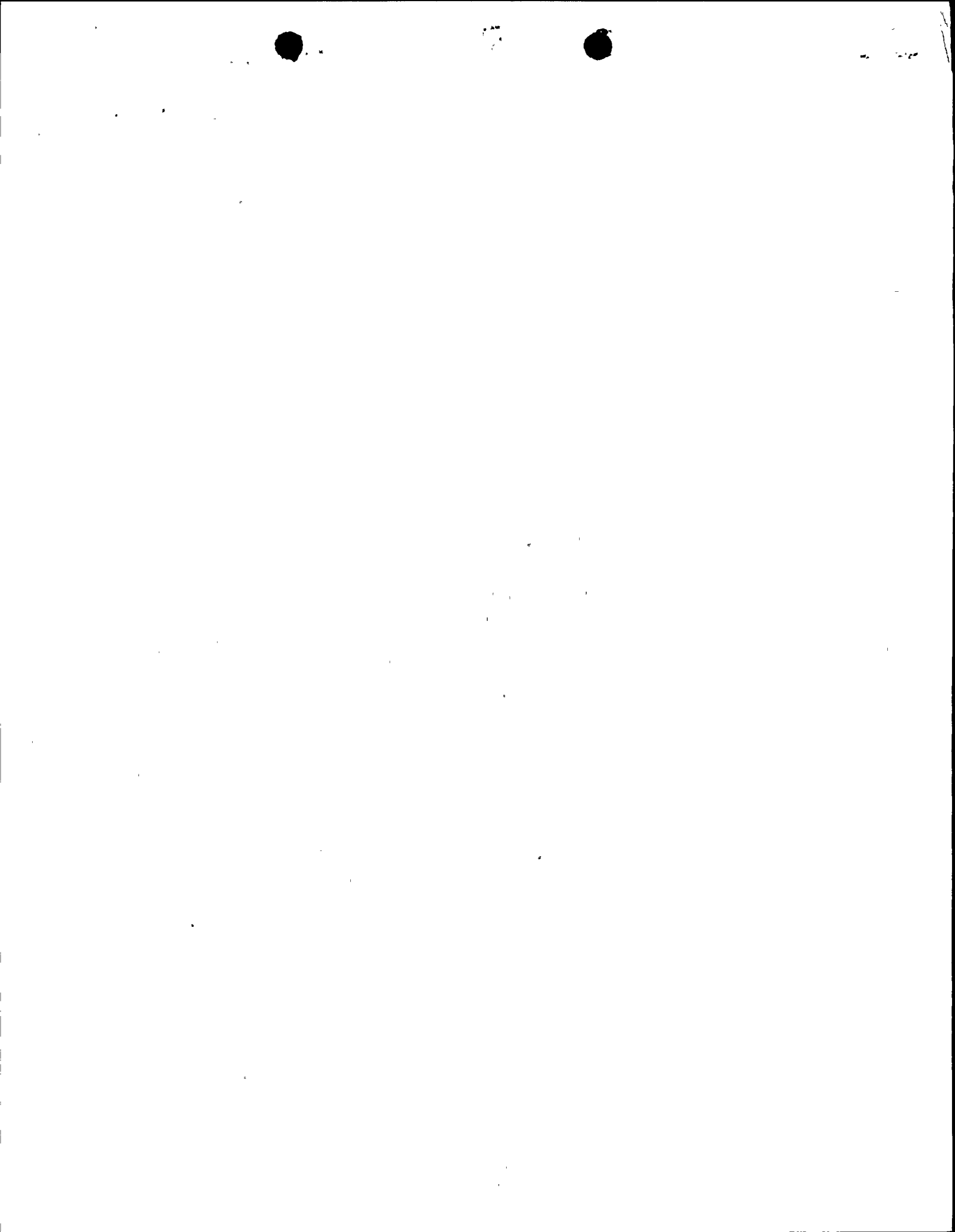


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Docket No. 50-339

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Mr. R. A. Wieseemann, Manager  
Regulatory and Legislative Affairs  
Westinghouse Electric Corporation  
P. O. Box 355  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230

Dear Mr. Wieseemann:

SUBJECT: WITHHOLDING FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE - CAW 79-40 -  
NORTH ANNA POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 2

By Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) letter, dated January 22, 1980, we received your application and affidavit, dated November 7, 1979, and the responses to NRC's request for additional information on the generic Westinghouse modeling of fuel assembly guide tube wear. VEPCO's letter requested that this material, considered to be proprietary by Westinghouse, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. The responses and the generic Westinghouse modeling of guide tube wear have been reviewed by VEPCO and concluded to be applicable to North Anna Power Station, Unit No. 2.

Your reasons for requesting our withholding this material were that the material has been held in confidence by Westinghouse, no public disclosure of it has been made and release of it to the public would jeopardize the competitive status of Westinghouse.

The information sought to be withheld are the responses to NRC questions related to guide tube thimble wear directed to applicants for operating licenses for Diablo Canyon, Units 1 and 2, McGuire, Units 1 and 2, North Anna, Unit 2, Salem, Unit 2, and Sequoyah, Units 1 and 2. Public disclosure of this information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of Westinghouse as its release would reveal the basis of the fuel assembly design for the above designated plants and similar plants, which is recognized by the NRC to be of competitive value.

A large amount of effort and money were expended by Westinghouse in developing this design. Release of the information to the public would give an advantage to competitors by making available marketable design information developed by Westinghouse at little or no expense to competitors.

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Mr. R. A. Wiesemann, Manager

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We have reviewed your application and material based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR 2.790 and have determined that the above-mentioned document sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or confidential, commercial information.

We also have found at this time that the right of the public to be fully apprised as to the bases for and effects of the proposed action does not outweigh the demonstrated concern for protection of your competitive position. Accordingly, we have determined that the information should be withheld from public disclosure.

We, therefore, approve your request for withholding pursuant to Section 2.790 of 10 CFR Part 2 and are withholding the responses to the fuel assembly guide tube thimble wear from public inspection as proprietary. A non-proprietary version of this material is available in the Commission's Public Document Room located at 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and in the local public document rooms established for the North Anna plants at the Alderman Library, Manuscripts Department, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901, and at the Board of Supervisors, Louisa County Courthouse, P. O. Box 27, Louisa, Virginia 23093.

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, assure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary data.

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.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by  
O. D. Parr  
Olan D. Parr, Chief  
Light Water Reactors Branch No. 3  
Division of Project Management

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