

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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November 15, 1994

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Dear Mr. Farrar:

By letter from Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) dated September 2, 1994, as supplemented October 28, 1994, and General Electric Company's (GE) affidavit dated September 1, 1994, as corrected October 25, 1994, you submitted GE-NE-L12-00819-05, "Core Shroud Blowdown Load Calculation During Recirculation Suction Line Break by TRACG Analysis for Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3, and Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, dated August 1994, and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. A non-proprietary version of pages associated with GE-NE-L12-00819-05 were also included in the submittal.

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

- a. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by General Electric's competitors without license from General Electric constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies;
- b. Information which, if used 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 of a similar product;

In addition to proprietary treatment given to material meeting the standards enumerated above, GE customarily maintains in confidence preliminary and draft material which has not been subject to complete proprietary, technical and editorial review. This practice is based on the fact that draft documents often do not appropriately reflect all aspects of a problem, may contain tentative conclusions and may contain errors that can be corrected during normal review and approval procedures. Also, until the final document is complete it may not be possible to make any definitive determination as to its proprietary nature. General Electic is not generally willing to release such

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a document in such a preliminary form. Such documents are, however, on occasion furnished to the NRC staff on a confidential basis because it is GE's belief that it is in the public interest for the staff to be promptly furnished with significant or potentially significant information. Furnishing the document on a confidential basis pending completion of GE's internal review permits early acquaintance of the staff with the information while protecting GE's potential proprietary position and permitting GE to insure the public documents are technically accurate and correct.

We have reviewed your submittal and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of GE's statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or proprietary commercial information.

Therefore, we have determined that the document GE-NE-L12-00819-05, "Core Shroud Blowdown Load Calculation During Recirculation Suction Line Break by TRACG Analysis for Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3, and Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, dated August 1994, marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(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 document. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, insure 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 should also 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 needs additional information from you or makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,

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