



June 7, 1995

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attn: Document Control Desk

Subject: Dresden Nuclear Station Units 2 and 3  
**Additional Information - Dresden Station Core Shroud Repair**  
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249

Reference: J.L. Schrage letter to USNRC, dated May 24, 1995.

In the referenced letter, ComEd submitted the Design Documents for the proposed repair of the Dresden Station Unit 2 and 3 core shrouds. Enclosure 9 of the referenced letter provided GENE-771-84-1194, Revision 2, "Dresden Units 2 & 3, Shroud Repair Seismic Analysis." The attachment to this letter transmits the computer runs associated with the information provided in Enclosure 9 of the referenced letter.

This submittal contains items which are proprietary in nature to the General Electric Nuclear Company. ComEd has specifically marked the portions of the submittal (with vertical bars in the right margin) that are considered proprietary and requests that all material specifically marked as proprietary be withheld from public disclosure. ComEd has included, as Attachment 2, an affidavit per the requirements of 10CFR 2.790(b) explaining the reasons and circumstances for withholding the applicable information from public disclosure.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements contained in this response are true and correct. In some respects, these statements are not based on my personal knowledge, but obtained information furnished by other ComEd employees, contractor employees, and consultants. Such information has been reviewed in accordance with company practice, and I believe it to be reliable.

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Please direct any questions you may have concerning this response to this office.



John L. Schrage  
Nuclear Licensing Administrator



*Mary Jo Yack* 6-7-95

Attachment 1 Computer Runs for Shroud Repair Seismic Analysis, dated June 1, 1995

Attachment 2 Dresden Station Unit 2 and 3 Core Shroud Repair Design Documents - General Electric Company Affidavit

cc: J. B. Martin, Regional Administrator - RIII  
M. N. Leach, Senior Resident Inspector - Dresden  
J. F. Stang, Project Manager - NRR  
Office of Nuclear Facility Safety - IDNS

Attachment 2

General Electric Nuclear Company Affidavit  
June 1, 1995

# General Electric Company

## AFFIDAVIT

I, **George B. Stramback**, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

- (1) I am Project Manager, Licensing Services, General Electric Company ("GE") and have been delegated the function of reviewing the information described in paragraph (2) which is sought to be withheld, and have been authorized to apply for its withholding.
- (2) The information sought to be withheld is contained in the GE letter, M. D. Potter to John Schrage, *Transmittal of Computer Runs For Shroud Repair Seismic Analysis*, dated June 1, 1995 with proprietary attachment Computer runs 2788T, 2794T, 2790T and 2466T, (General Electric Company Proprietary Information), dated April 1995. The proprietary information is delineated by bars marked in the margin adjacent to the specific material.
- (3) In making this application for withholding of proprietary information of which it is the owner, GE relies upon the exemption from disclosure set forth in the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 USC Sec. 552(b)(4), and the Trade Secrets Act, 18 USC Sec. 1905, and NRC regulations 10 CFR 9.17(a)(4), 2.790(a)(4), and 2.790(d)(1) for "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential" (Exemption 4). The material for which exemption from disclosure is here sought is all "confidential commercial information", and some portions also qualify under the narrower definition of "trade secret", within the meanings assigned to those terms for purposes of FOIA Exemption 4 in, respectively, Critical Mass Energy Project v. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 975F2d871 (DC Cir. 1992), and Public Citizen Health Research Group v. FDA, 704F2d1280 (DC Cir. 1983).
- (4) Some examples of categories of information which fit into the definition of proprietary information are:
  - 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;

- c. Information which reveals cost or price information, production capacities, budget levels, or commercial strategies of General Electric, its customers, or its suppliers;
- d. Information which reveals aspects of past, present, or future General Electric customer-funded development plans and programs, of potential commercial value to General Electric;
- e. Information which discloses patentable subject matter for which it may be desirable to obtain patent protection.

The information sought to be withheld is considered to be proprietary for the reasons set forth in both paragraphs (4)a. and (4)b., above.

- (5) The information sought to be withheld is being submitted to NRC in confidence. The information is of a sort customarily held in confidence by GE, and is in fact so held. The information sought to be withheld has, to the best of my knowledge and belief, consistently been held in confidence by GE, no public disclosure has been made, and it is not available in public sources. All disclosures to third parties including any required transmittals to NRC, have been made, or must be made, pursuant to regulatory provisions or proprietary agreements which provide for maintenance of the information in confidence. Its initial designation as proprietary information, and the subsequent steps taken to prevent its unauthorized disclosure, are as set forth in paragraphs (6) and (7) following.
- (6) Initial approval of proprietary treatment of a document is made by the manager of the originating component, the person most likely to be acquainted with the value and sensitivity of the information in relation to industry knowledge. Access to such documents within GE is limited on a "need to know" basis.
- (7) The procedure for approval of external release of such a document typically requires review by the staff manager, project manager, principal scientist or other equivalent authority, by the manager of the cognizant marketing function (or his delegate), and by the Legal Operation, for technical content, competitive effect, and determination of the accuracy of the proprietary designation. Disclosures outside GE are limited to regulatory bodies, customers, and potential customers, and their agents, suppliers, and licensees, and others with a legitimate need for the information, and then only in accordance with appropriate regulatory provisions or proprietary agreements.
- (8) The information identified in paragraph (2), above, is classified as proprietary because it contains detailed results of analytical models, methods and processes, including computer codes, and it contains the supporting Design Record File (DRF) detailed calculations, results and bases for conclusions. These reports are part of the DRF supporting information to evaluate a hardware design modification (stabilizer

for the shroud horizontal welds) intended to be installed in a reactor to resolve the reactor pressure vessel core shroud weld cracking concern. This detailed level of information usually resides in GENE files, only for audit by customers and the NRC. This information shows in specific detail the processes, codes and methods employed to perform the evaluations summarized in the above identified document. The development and approval of this design modification utilized systems, components, and models and computer codes that were developed at a significant cost to GE, on the order of several hundred thousand dollars.

The development of the supporting processes, as shown in part in this DRF detailed information, was at a significant additional cost to GE, in excess of a million dollars, over and above the large cost of developing the underlying individual proprietary report information.

- (9) Public disclosure of the information sought to be withheld is likely to cause substantial harm to GE's competitive position and foreclose or reduce the availability of profit-making opportunities. The information is part of GE's comprehensive BWR safety and technology base, and its commercial value extends beyond the original development cost. The value of the technology base goes beyond the extensive physical database and analytical methodology and includes development of the expertise to determine and apply the appropriate evaluation process. In addition, the technology base includes the value derived from providing analyses done with NRC-approved methods.

The research, development, engineering, analytical and NRC review costs comprise a substantial investment of time and money by GE.

The precise value of the expertise to devise an evaluation process and apply the correct analytical methodology is difficult to quantify, but it clearly is substantial.

GE's competitive advantage will be lost if its competitors are able to use the results of the GE experience to normalize or verify their own process or if they are able to claim an equivalent understanding by demonstrating that they can arrive at the same or similar conclusions.

The value of this information to GE would be lost if the information were disclosed to the public. Making such information available to competitors without their having been required to undertake a similar expenditure of resources would unfairly provide competitors with a windfall, and deprive GE of the opportunity to exercise its competitive advantage to seek an adequate return on its large investment in developing these very valuable analytical tools.

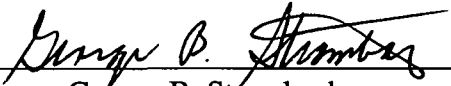
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ss:

George B. Stramback, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he has read the foregoing affidavit and the matters stated therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Executed at San Jose, California, this 1st day of June 1995.

  
George B. Stramback  
General Electric Company

Subscribed and sworn before me this 1st day of June 1995.

  
Notary Public, State of California

