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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4, AUGUST 18, 2017 LETTER, ENCLOSURE 5, REGARDING "CLARIFICATION OF PROTECTION AND SAFETY MONITORING SYSTEM (PMS) INTERDIVISIONAL CABLES IN AUXILIARY BUILDING FIRE AREAS (LAR-17-011S1)"

Dear Messrs. Whitley and Gresham:

By letter dated August 18, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17230A359), Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC/licensee) submitted affidavits in Enclosures 6 and 7 dated August 18 and August 16, 2017, and signed by Mr. Brian H. Whitley and Ms. Jill S. Monahan, respectively, that requested the information contained in Enclosure 5, "Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4 – Proprietary Response to NRC Staff Clarification Questions Regarding LAR-17-011," be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390. Enclosure 5 provides the proprietary text excerpts that are redacted from Enclosure 4.

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

1. The information has been held in confidence by Westinghouse Electric Company (Westinghouse) and SNC.
2. The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by Westinghouse and not customarily disclosed to the public; a rational basis exists for making this determination.
3. The information was transmitted to the Commission in confidence, under the provisions of 10 CFR 2.390.
4. The information is not available in public sources.
5. Public disclosure of the information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the owner of the information.
6. SNC has a contractual relationship with Westinghouse to seek confidential and proprietary treatment of the information.

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7. The information should be held in confidence for the following reasons (itemized as items (a) and (c) in Enclosure 5):
 - (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.
 - (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.

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. Therefore, the version(s) of 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 regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-5481.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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