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960403 telcon w/RG&E re use of borated stainless steel as  
neutron absorber in high density racks, including brochure  
from BOHLER BLECHE. Encls withheld per 10CFR2.790.

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Subject: Information on the use of Borated Stainless Steel as a Neutron Absorber in High Density Racks.

Dear Mr. Vissing:

A conference call was held with NRC staff on April 3, 1996, to discuss the potential use by RG&E of Borated Stainless Steel as a neutron absorber in spent fuel racks. During that call, the NRC staff requested preliminary information on the intended application of the Borated Stainless Steel and the characteristics of this material as a neutron absorber in a spent fuel pool environment. RG&E is, therefore, submitting the attached responses prepared by FRAMATOME TECHNOLOGIES, and a brochure from BOHLER BLECHE, a manufacturer of Borated Stainless Steel, for consideration by NRC staff.

Since the responses are considered proprietary by FRAMATOME TECHNOLOGIES, it is supported by an affidavit signed by FRAMATOME TECHNOLOGIES INC.. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the information which is proprietary to FRAMATOME TECHNOLOGIES be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10CFR Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations.

RG&E desires to schedule a meeting to continue discussions and answer additional questions approximately two weeks following receipt of the information by NRC staff. RG&E believes that having the meeting would constitute an efficient use of both NRC and RG&E resources as a way to deciding the contents of a final submittal. It is expected that the meeting would last approximately 2 hrs.

Very Truly Yours,

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