

November 2, 2017

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW AND REQUESTS FOR WITHHOLDING OF  
"WCAP-16096-P/NP, REVISION 5, 'SOFTWARE PROGRAM MANUAL FOR  
COMMON Q™ SYSTEMS'" (CAC NO. MG0220, EPID: L-2018-TOP-0001)

Dear Mr. Gresham:

By letter dated August 28, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17241A112), Westinghouse Electric Company (Westinghouse) submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review Topical Report (TR) "WCAP-16096-P/NP, Revision 5, 'Software Program Manual for Common Q™ Systems.'" Also submitted was an affidavit executed by yourself that the information contained WCAP-16096 be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 2.390. A non-proprietary version of the documents can be found under ADAMS Accession No. ML17241A113.

The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of the Common Q™ Software Program Manual. We have found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our review. The NRC staff expects to issue its request for additional information by February 28, 2018, and issue its draft safety evaluation (SE) by December 31, 2018. This schedule information takes into consideration the NRC's current review priorities and available technical resources and may be subject to change. If modifications to these dates are deemed necessary, we will provide appropriate updates to this information.

The NRC staff estimates that the review will require approximately 500 hours, including project management and contractor effort. This estimate of hours includes the hours already expended on completing this acceptance review.

Section 170.21 of 10 CFR requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, the NRC staff hours will be billed accordingly.

With respect to the request for withholding the information in WCAP-16096, Westinghouse detailed the reasons in its affidavit.

The NRC staff has 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, has

determined that the submitted information sought contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the version of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure under 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, the agency may send copies of this information to its consultants working in this area. The NRC staff 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 staff.

You also should understand that the NRC staff 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 questions regarding this matter, please contact Joseph J. Holonich at 301-415-7297 or via electronic mail at [Joseph.Holonich@nrc.gov](mailto:Joseph.Holonich@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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