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Mr. Scott D. Northard
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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 -
REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(CAC NOS. MF7121 AND MF7122; EPID L-2015-LLA-0002)

Dear Mr. Northard:

By letter dated October 4, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17279A120), you submitted affidavits dated September 27, 2017, executed by James A. Gresham, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), requesting that the information contained in the following documents be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

CE-17-3, Revision 1, Attachment 1, "Suggested Responses to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Request for Additional Information (Round 2) for WCAP-17400, Supplement 1, Revision 1, for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (Proprietary)"

WCAP-17400-P, Supplement 1, Revision 2, "Prairie Island Units 1 and 2 Spent Fuel Pool Criticality Safety Analysis Supplemental Analysis Including the Storage of IFBA Bearing Fuel"

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

- (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.

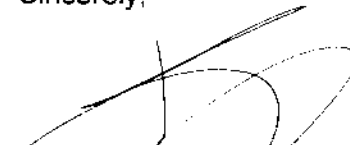
Therefore, CE-17-3, Revision 1, Attachment 1, "Suggested Responses to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Request for Additional Information (Round 2) for WCAP-17400, Supplement 1, Revision 1, for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (Proprietary)," and WCAP-17400-P, Supplement 1, Revision 2, "Prairie Island Units 1 and 2 Spent Fuel Pool Criticality Safety Analysis Supplemental Analysis Including the Storage of IFBA Bearing Fuel" 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 Nuclear Regulatory Commission (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 301-415-3733.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Kuntz, Senior Project Manager
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Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306

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