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Mr. Peter P. Sena, III
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE FOR HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
(CAC NO. MF9502; EPID L-2017-LLA-0204)

Dear Mr. Sena:

By letter dated March 27, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML17086A364), PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG) submitted an affidavit dated February 16, 2017, executed by Mr. Neil Wilmshurst, Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer, Electric Power Research Institute, Inc. PSEG requested that the information contained in Attachment 6 to its letter be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.390. Specifically, PSEG requested that the following document be withheld:

Hope Creek Generating Station Pressure and Temperature Limits Report (PTLR) for 332, 44, and 56 Effective Full-Power Years (EFPY), dated February 2017

A non-proprietary copy of the document is available as Enclosure 4 to PSEG's March 27, 2017, letter.

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

- EPRI made a substantial economic investment to develop the Proprietary Information and, by prohibiting public disclosure, EPRI derives an economic benefit in the form of licensing royalties and other additional fees from the confidential nature of the Proprietary Information. If the Proprietary Information were publicly available to consultants and/or other businesses providing services in the electric and/or nuclear power industry, they would be able to use the Proprietary Information for their own commercial benefit and profit and without expending the substantial economic resources required of EPRI to develop the Proprietary Information.
- A public disclosure of the Proprietary Information would be highly likely to cause substantial harm to EPRI's competitive position and the ability of EPRI to license the Proprietary Information both domestically and internationally. The Proprietary Information can only be acquired and/or duplicated by others using an equivalent investment of time and effort.

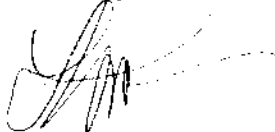
We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of the statements in the affidavit, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure. Therefore, the version 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 301-415-1906 or Lisa.Regner@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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