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February 5, 1998

Mr. H. A. Sepp
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SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

SURRY POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

Dear Mr. Sepp:

By letter dated December 22, 1997, the Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) submitted Westinghouse Electric Corporation Document No. WCAP-14874, Revision 1, "Handbook on Flaw Evaluation - Surry Units 1 and 2 Steam Generators Upper Shell to Cone Weld Regions," dated October 1997. By your application and affidavit dated October 17, 1997 (CAW-97-1173), you requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. By your letter dated October 17, 1997, you also submitted WCAP-14984, dated October 1997, a non-proprietary version of the above titled document.

You 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.
- (e) It reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Westinghouse.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information.

Therefore, the version of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(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.

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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.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed By)

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