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Docket No. 50-296

Tennessee Valley Authority
ATTN: Mr. James E. Watson
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Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401

Gentlemen:

By letters dated April 29, 1975, August 29, 1975, and December 8, 1975 you submitted Amendment Nos. 59, 61 and 63, respectively for Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 3 application, which consist of information related to Appendix K to 10 CFR Part 50. You requested that this information be withheld from public disclosure because of it being classified proprietary pursuant to standard General Electric procedures pertaining to classification.

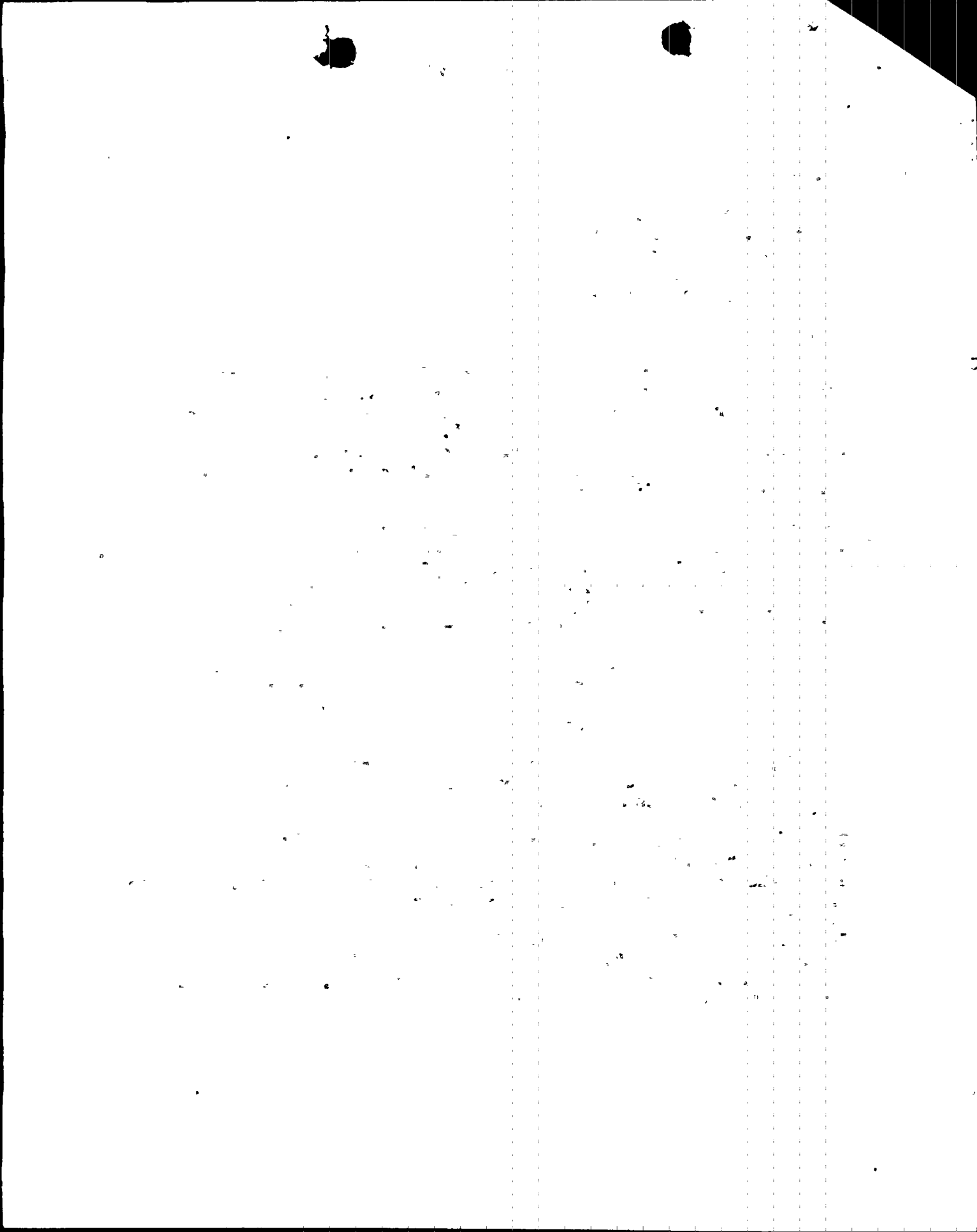
We have reviewed this information and concluded that there is not sufficient justification for our withholding this information from public disclosure. The basis for this conclusion is that we feel it would be highly unlikely, if not impossible, for General Electric competitors to utilize the results of the calculations relating to the requirements specified in Appendix K to 10 CFR Part 50 to qualify their own design models since:

- (1) Developing a correlation from the results of analysis on a given plant design requires knowledge of many other parameters which would generally not be available to General Electric competitors; and
- (2) Any such correlation used as a basis for ECCS calculations would have to be based on sufficient experimental data to justify its adequacy.

It is our opinion that understanding of the ECCS analysis is greatly impaired without this information, and withholding this information is not in the public interest. (References: Memorandum from V. Stello to K. Goller dated July 25, 1975; memorandum from V. Stello to V. Moore, R. DeYoung and K. Goller dated August 6, 1975; letter to General Electric from V. Moore to W. Gilbert dated September 26, 1975 relating to Amendment 35, Docket STN 50-447; and memorandum from J. Stolz to NRC Public Document Room and M. Jinks dated December 23, 1975, relating to letter dated September 26, 1975.)

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Therefore, the staff denies your request to withhold the information classified proprietary submitted with Amendment Nos. 59, 61 and 63 from public disclosure. Thirty days from the date of this letter this material will be placed in the Public Document Rooms. However, if within thirty days of this notice, you request withdrawal of the material, it will not be placed in the Public Document Rooms.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
John F. Stolz

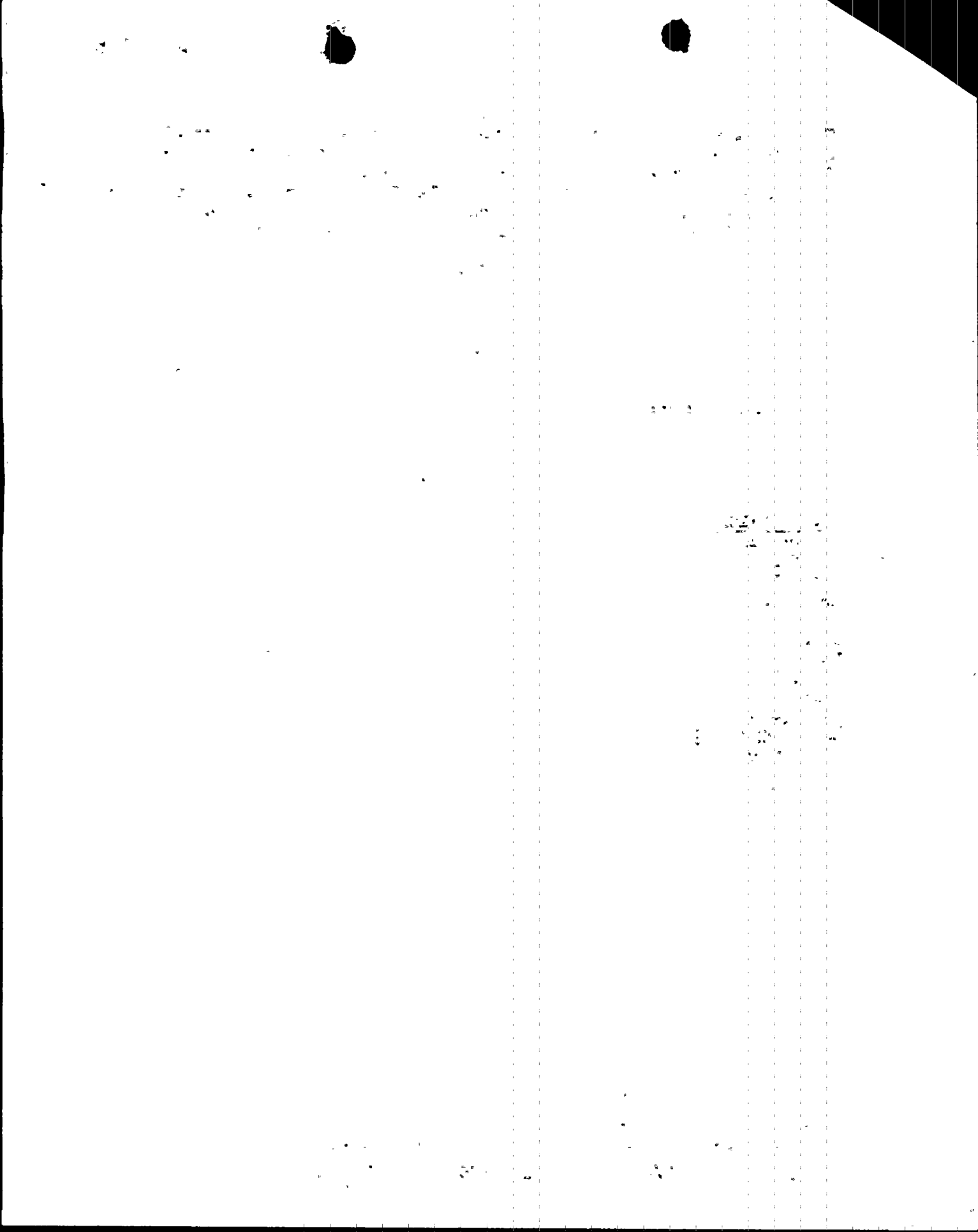
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