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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (GRAND GULF HUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AHD 2)

By your letter dated April 28, 1978 and General Electric Company affidavit dated March 9, 1978, you submitted certain information concerning the initial core fuel design and offgas system technology as part of the Final Safety Analysis Report for the Grand Gulf Muclear Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2. You requested that the affidavit and the information be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Section 2.790 of 10 CFR Part 2. The information Lought to be withheld is as follows:

- (1) Figures 4.3-2 through 4.3-6, 4.3-12, 4.3-13, and 4.3-16 through 4.3-19 concerning the initial core fuel design.
- (2) Table 11.3-3 and Figure 11.3-2 concerning offgas system technology.

Your reasons for requesting our withholding of this information were that public disclosure of the information sought to be withheld is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the General Electric Company and deprive or reduce the availability of profit-making opportunities.

We have reviewed your application and material based on the requirements and criteria of Section 2.790 of 10 CFR Part 2 and have determined that the information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or confidentic' or proprietary commercial of financial information.

We also have found at this time that the right of the public to be fully apprised as to the bases for and effects of the proposed action does not outweigh the demonstrated concern for protection of your competitive position. Accordingly, we have determined that the information should

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We, therefore, approve your request for withholding pursuant to Section 2.790 of 10 CFR Part 2 and are withholding the affidavit and information concerning the initial core fuel design and offgas system technology from public inspection as proprietary.

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, assure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary data.

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 us.

Sincerely,

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