

October 22, 2019

Chief Financial Officer
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

BWRVIP Docket No. 99902016

Subject: Request for Exemption of NRC Review Fees for “BWRVIP-315: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Reactor Internals Aging Management Evaluation for Extended Operations”

- References: [1] NUREG-2192, Standard Review Plan for Review of Subsequent License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants, July 2017.
- [2] Summary of the September 11, 2019 Meeting Between the U.S. NRC and the Electric Power Research Institute to Discuss BWRVIP-315 (ADAMS Accession Number ML19253A060), October, 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to request that the document titled “BWRVIP-315: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Reactor Internals Aging Management Evaluation for Extended Operations” be exempt from NRC review fees in accordance with 10CFR170.11(a)(1)(ii).

BWRVIP-315 was submitted to the NRC by the letter enclosed as Attachment 1 which indicates that the document provides a technical basis demonstrating the adequacy of the BWRVIP reactor internals AMP to adequately manage age-related degradation of BWR reactor internals. This report can be used by subsequent license renewal (SLR) applicants and NRC to increase SLR application efficiency. Additionally, BWRVIP-315 provides generic disposition methods for the three further evaluation items in NUREG-2192 related to aging management of BWR reactor internals (Sections 3.1.2.2.12, 3.1.2.2.13, and 3.1.2.2.14). On these bases, an exemption from review fees for BWRVIP-315 is requested per 10CFR170.11(a)(1)(ii).

It is requested that, if this fee exemption is approved, any fees billed to the BWRVIP associated with the report pre-submittal meeting (Reference [2]) be refunded.

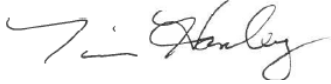
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If you have any questions on this subject, please contact the BWRVIP SLR project manager, Wayne Lunceford, by telephone at 650.855.8566 or by e-mail at walunceford@epri.com.

Sincerely,



Nathan Palm, EPRI, BWRVIP Program Manager

Tim Hanley, Exelon Corporation, BWRVIP Chairman

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S. Richter, Energy Northwest
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Attention: Joseph Holonich

Subject: Transmittal of “BWRVIP-315: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Reactor Internals Aging Management Evaluation for Extended Operations”

References: [1] NUREG-2192, Standard Review Plan for Review of Subsequent License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants, July 2017.

Enclosed is one (1) paper copy of the report “BWRVIP-315: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Reactor Internals Aging Management Evaluation for Extended Operations,” EPRI Technical Report 3002012535. This report is being transmitted to the NRC for review and approval.

BWRVIP-315 provides a technical basis demonstrating the adequacy of the BWRVIP reactor internals aging management guidance to adequately manage age-related degradation of BWR reactor internals for operation beyond 60 years, including:

- Identification of appropriate enhancements to the BWRVIP reactor internals aging management guidance documents for operation beyond 60 years.
- Specification of the engineering input limitations relevant to BWRVIP guidance for managing aging of BWR reactor internals.
- Generic disposition of the further evaluation items related to BWR reactor internals contained within NUREG-2192 [1]:
 - Section 3.1.2.2.12: Cracking Due to Irradiation-Assisted Stress Corrosion Cracking
 - Section 3.1.2.2.13: Loss of Fracture Toughness Due to Neutron Irradiation or Thermal Aging Embrittlement
 - Section 3.1.2.2.14: Loss of Preload Due to Thermal or Irradiation-Enhanced Stress Relaxation

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BWRVIP requests that the NRC review of BWRVIP-315 be performed on a fee exempt basis and a separate BWRVIP letter to the NRC Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is being transmitted requesting a fee exemption. The BWRVIP requests that the NRC review of BWRVIP-315 proceed in parallel with the CFO's review of the fee exemption request.

Please note that the enclosed report contains proprietary information. All proprietary information is highlighted with yellow shading. Pages containing the proprietary information are also marked with the letters "TS" in the footer area indicating that the highlighted information is considered trade secrets in accordance with 10CFR2.390. A letter requesting that the report be withheld from public disclosure and an affidavit describing the basis for withholding this information are provided as Attachment 1.

One paper copy of the non-proprietary report "BWRVIP-315NP: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Reactor Internals Aging Management Evaluation for Extended Operations," EPRI Technical Report 3002012535NP, is also enclosed. This non-proprietary report is identical to the enclosed proprietary report except that the proprietary information has been deleted and the letters "NP" appear in the BWRVIP report number.

If you have any questions on this subject, please contact the BWRVIP SLR project manager, Wayne Lunceford, by telephone at 650.855.8556 or by e-mail at walunceford@epri.com.

Sincerely,



Nathan Palm, EPRI, BWRVIP Program Manager
Tim Hanley, Exelon Corporation, BWRVIP Chairman

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Ref. BWRVIP Docket No. 99902016

October 22, 2019

Attention: Joseph Holonich
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Request for Withholding of the following Proprietary information included in:
BWRVIP-315: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Reactor Internals Aging Management
Evaluation for Extended Operations, EPRI Technical Report 3002012535

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under 10 C.F.R. §2.390(a)(4) that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") withhold from public disclosure the information identified in the enclosed Affidavit consisting of the proprietary information owned by Electric Power Research Institute, Inc. ("EPRI") identified above (the "Report"). Proprietary and non-proprietary versions of the Report and the Affidavit in support of this request are enclosed.

EPRI desires to disclose the Report in confidence as a means of exchanging technical information with the NRC. The Report is not to be divulged to anyone outside of the NRC or to any of its contractors, nor shall any copies be made of the Report provided herein. EPRI welcomes any discussions and/or questions relating to the information enclosed.

If you have any questions about the legal aspects of this request for withholding, please do not hesitate to contact me at (704) 595-2630. Questions on the content of the Report should be directed to Nathan Palm of EPRI at (724) 288-4043.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. B.", is written over the signature line.

Attachment(s)

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AFFIDAVIT

RE: Request for Withholding of the Following Proprietary Document:

BWRVIP-315: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Reactor Internals Aging Management Evaluation for Extended Operations, EPRI Technical Report 3002012535

I, Steven Swilley, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

I am the Senior Director and Deputy Chief Nuclear Officer at Electric Power Research Institute, Inc. whose principal office is located at 3420 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, California ("EPRI") and I have been specifically delegated responsibility for the above-listed Report that is sought under this Affidavit to be withheld (the "Report"). I am authorized to apply to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") for the withholding of the Report on behalf of EPRI.

EPRI Proprietary Information is identified in the above referenced report with highlighted yellow shading. The pages with the proprietary information are also marked with the letters "TS" in the page footer indicating that information is considered trade secrets in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390.

EPRI requests that the Report be withheld from the public on the following bases:

Withholding Based Upon Privileged And Confidential Trade Secrets Or Commercial Or Financial Information (see e.g. 10 C.F.R. §2.390(a)(4)):

a. The Report is owned by EPRI and has been held in confidence by EPRI. All entities accepting copies of the Report do so subject to written agreements imposing an obligation upon the recipient to maintain the confidentiality of the Report. The Report is disclosed only to parties who agree, in writing, to preserve the confidentiality thereof.

b. EPRI considers the Report and the proprietary information contained therein (the "Proprietary Information") to constitute trade secrets of EPRI. As such, EPRI holds the Report in confidence and disclosure thereof is strictly limited to individuals and entities who have agreed, in writing, to maintain the confidentiality of the Report. EPRI made a substantial economic investment to develop the Report, 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 Report. If the Report and 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 Report for their own commercial benefit and profit and without expending the substantial economic resources required of EPRI to develop the Report.

c. EPRI's classification of the Report and the Proprietary Information as trade secrets is justified by the Uniform Trade Secrets Act which California adopted in 1984 and a version of which has been adopted by over forty states. The California Uniform Trade Secrets Act, California Civil Code §§3426 – 3426.11, defines a "trade secret" as follows:

"Trade secret' means information, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program device, method, technique, or process, that:

(1) Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to the public or to other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and

(2) Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy."

d. The Report and the Proprietary Information contained therein are not generally known or available to the public. EPRI developed the Report only after making a determination that the Proprietary Information was not available from public sources. EPRI made a substantial investment of both money and employee hours in the development of the Report. EPRI was required to devote these resources and effort to derive the Proprietary Information and the Report. As a result of such effort and cost, both in terms of dollars spent and dedicated employee time, the Report is highly valuable to EPRI.

e. 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 and Report can only be acquired and/or duplicated by others using an equivalent investment of time and effort.

I have read the foregoing and the matters stated herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I make this affidavit under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Executed at 1300 W WT Harris Blvd, Charlotte, NC being the premises and place of business of Electric Power Research Institute, Inc.

Date: Oct 22, 2019

[Signature]
Steven Swilley

(State of North Carolina)
(County of Mecklenburg)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 22nd day of October, 2019 by Steven Swilley, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Signature Deborah H. Rouse (Seal)

My Commission Expires 2nd day of April, 2021

