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Mr. R. A. Weissemann, Manager
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Dear Mr. Weissemann:

SUBJECT: AW-81-37, APPLICATION FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE(NS-TMA-2455)

Reference: Task Action Plan(USI) No. A-2 Asymmetric LOCA Loads

By letter dated June 17, 1981, Mr. T. M. Anderson of Westinghouse Electric Corporation (WEC) submitted:

WCAP-9558, Revision 2. "Mechanistic Fracture Evaluation of Reactor Coolant Pipe Containing a Postulated Circumferential through Wall Crack," dated May 1981; and

WCAP-9787. "Tensile and Toughness Properties of Primary Piping Weld Metal for use in Mechanistic Fracture Evaluation," dated May 1981.

WEC requested that these reports be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR Section 2.790. The withholding request is supported by your affidavit dated June 15, 1977 (AW-77-27), which you state was originally submitted in connection with our review of the analysis for reactor pressure vessel support for Indian Point 3 (WEC letter dated June 15, 1977, NS-CE-1460, Eichelinger to Stello). The nonproprietary versions of these reports are WCAP-9570 and ECAP-9788.

You maintain that the information reveals distinguishing aspects of a process, including supporting test data, the application of which secures a competitive economic advantage. The request for withholding is, therefore, based on your concern that use of this information by a competitor would reduce his or her expenditure of resources and, thus, obviate the competitive advantage realized by WEC. You also state that this information is customarily held in confidence by WEC and to your knowledge is not available through public sources.

We have reviewed the application and related material based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR 2.790 and have determined that WCAP-9558, Revision 2 and WCAP-9787 contain proprietary commercial information.

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We have also 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 WEC's competitive position. Accordingly, we have determined that the applicable information should be withheld from public disclosure.

We, therefore, approve the request for withholding pursuant to Section 2.790 of 10 CFR Part 2 and are withholding from public inspection as proprietary WCAP-9558, Revision 2 and WCAP-9787.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the document. 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 the NRC.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Dennis M. Crutchfield, Chief
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