

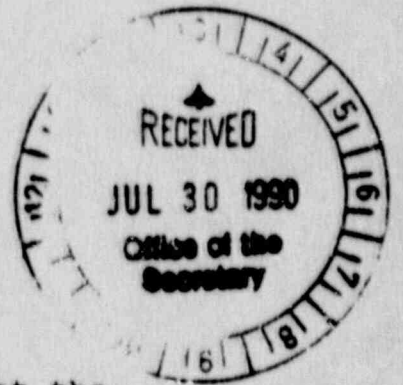


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Mr. Samuel Chilk
Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555



Re: Request for Specific Exemptions

Dear Mr. Secretary:

General Electric Company ("GE") hereby requests that the Commission grant GE specific exemptions from the financial assurance instrument requirements of Parts 30 and 40 of the Commission's amended decommissioning rule so that GE can satisfy the financial assurance requirements by submitting a self-guarantee which otherwise meets or exceeds the criteria for qualifying parent company guarantees under 10 C.F.R. Part 30, Appendix A. A memorandum setting forth the legal and factual bases for GE's request has already been submitted to the Commission in an analogous request by GE Nuclear Energy Operations.

The principal basis supporting this request is the compelling evidence that a self-guarantee by GE (accompanied by periodic recertification of GE's financial condition) will assure the availability of funds for the decommissioning of GE's licensed nuclear facilities and activities at least as well as, if not better than, other financial assurance methods expressly permitted by the subject provisions of Parts 30 and 40.

GE further asks that, if the Commission is unable to rule on this exemption request by August 1, 1990, the Commission grant GE a temporary specific exemption from the deadlines for the implementation of financial instruments until such time as the Commission is able to provide its ruling.

Very truly yours,

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