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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Docket No. 50-413

Mr. Nicholas J. Liparulo  
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Dear Mr. Liparulo:

SUBJECT: WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE,  
TUBE/TUBE SUPPORT PLATE REPORTS, CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 1

By letter dated October 28, 1993, Duke Power Company (DPC) submitted reports entitled, "Analysis to Determine Relative Tube/Tube Support Plate Displacement Under Steam Line Break Loads for Catawba Unit 1 Steam Generators," dated October 1993. A proprietary version of the report, WCAP-13684, Revision 1, and a non-proprietary version, WCAP-13887, were submitted. This WCAP was submitted to properly identify the proprietary information included in the initial version of WCAP-13684, dated March 1993. WCAP-13684 was referenced in support of the licensing action regarding renewal of the steam generator tube interim plugging criterion (IPC) for Catawba Unit 1, Cycle 8 operation. However, as noted in the DPC letter, it had not previously been submitted to the NRC.

The reports summarize an analysis to determine relative motions between the steam generator tube support plates and the tubes during a postulated steam line break event for the Catawba Unit 1 plant.

The WCAP-13684, Revision 1, report contains information which is considered proprietary to Westinghouse. By letter dated October 26, 1993 (CAW-93-538), and supporting affidavit dated October 26, 1993, Westinghouse requested that the proprietary information be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR Section 2.790 in accordance with the following criteria:

- a. The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
- b. The information's use by a competitor would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing a similar product.

The NRC staff has reviewed Westinghouse's information based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of Westinghouse's

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statement, has determined that the submitted material sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information. Therefore, the proprietary information will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended.

Withholding from public disclosure 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, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public disclosure should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You should also understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,

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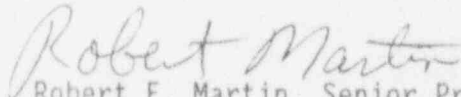
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