



Westinghouse
Electric Corporation

Water Reactor
Divisions

Nuclear Technology Division
Box 355
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15230

December 19, 1983
AW-83-112

Mr. Richard C. Vollmer, Director
Office of Engineering
Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
7920 Norfolk Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

APPLICATION FOR WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

SUBJECT: Aging of Cast Stainless Steel Piping

REF: Westinghouse Letter No. NS-EPR-2867, Rahe to Vollmer, dated
December 19, 1983

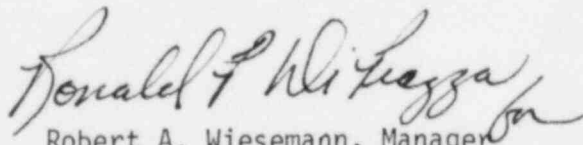
Dear Mr. Vollmer:

The proprietary material transmitted by the referenced letter is of the same technical type as the proprietary material previously submitted concerning fracture evaluation of the reactor coolant piping. Further, the affidavit submitted to justify the material on June 15, 1977 is equally applicable to this material and is attached.

Accordingly, withholding the subject information from public disclosure is requested in accordance with the previously submitted non-proprietary affidavit and application for withholding, AW-77-27, dated June 15, 1977, a copy of which is attached. The previous submittal was further supported by a proprietary affidavit which was also sent to the Commission on June 15, 1977.

Correspondence with respect to this application for withholding or the accompanying affidavit should reference AW-83-112 and should be addressed to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,


Robert A. Wiesemann, Manager
Regulatory & Legislative Affairs

/bek
Attachment

cc: E. C. Shomaker, Esq.
Office of the Executive Legal Director, NRC

8312290256 831219
PDR TOPRP EMVWEST
B PDR

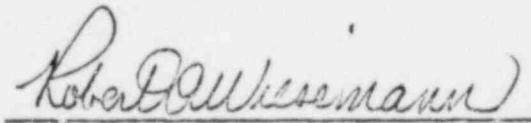
AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

SS

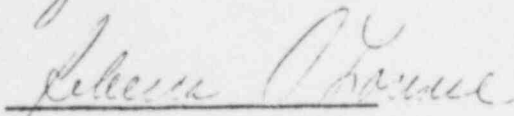
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY:

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Robert A. Wiesemann, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of Westinghouse Electric Corporation ("Westinghouse") and that the averments of fact set forth in this Affidavit are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief:



Robert A. Wiesemann, Manager
Licensing Programs

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 15 day
of June 1977.


Notary Public

- (1) I am Manager, Licensing Programs, in the Pressurized Water Reactor Systems Division, of Westinghouse Electric Corporation and as such, I have been specifically delegated the function of reviewing the proprietary information sought to be withheld from public disclosure in connection with nuclear power plant licensing or rule-making proceedings, and am authorized to apply for its withholding on behalf of the Westinghouse Water Reactor Divisions.
- (2) I am making this Affidavit in conformance with the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations and in conjunction with the Westinghouse application for withholding accompanying this Affidavit.
- (3) I have personal knowledge of the criteria and procedure utilized by Westinghouse Nuclear Energy Systems in designating information as a trade secret, privileged or as confidential commercial or financial information.
- (4) Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (B)(4) of Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, the following is furnished for consideration by the Commission in determining whether the information sought to be withheld from public disclosure should be withheld.
 - (i) The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned and has been held in confidence by Westinghouse.
 - (ii) The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by Westinghouse and not customarily disclosed to the public. Westinghouse has a rational basis for determining the types of information customarily held in confidence by it and, in that connection, utilizes a system to determine when and

whether to hold certain types of information in confidence. The application of that system and the substance of that system constitutes Westinghouse policy and provides the rational basis required.

Under that system, information is held in confidence if it falls in one or more of several types, the release of which might result in the loss of an existing or potential competitive advantage, as follows:

- (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) It consists of supporting data, including test data, relative to a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.), the application of which data secures a competitive economic advantage, e.g., by optimization or improved marketability.
- (c) Its 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.
- (d) It reveals cost or price information, production capacities, budget levels, or commercial strategies of Westinghouse, its customers or suppliers.

- (e) It reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value of Westinghouse.
- (f) It contains patentable ideas, for which patent protection may be desirable.
- (g) It is not the property of Westinghouse, but must be treated as proprietary by Westinghouse according to agreements with the owner.

There are sound policy reasons behind the Westinghouse system which include the following:

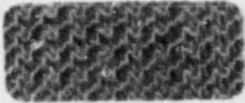
- (a) The use of such information by Westinghouse gives Westinghouse a competitive advantage over its competitors. It is, therefore, withheld from disclosure to protect the Westinghouse competitive position.
- (b) It is information which is marketable in many ways. The extent to which such information is available to competitors diminishes the Westinghouse ability to sell products and services involving the use of the information.
- (c) Use by our competitor would put Westinghouse at a competitive disadvantage by reducing his expenditure of resources at our expense.

- (d) Each component of proprietary information pertinent to a particular competitive advantage is potentially as valuable as the total competitive advantage. If competitors acquire components of proprietary information, any one component may be the key to the entire puzzle, thereby depriving Westinghouse of a competitive advantage.
- (e) Unrestricted disclosure would jeopardize the position of prominence of Westinghouse in the world market, and thereby give a market advantage to the competition in those countries.
- (f) The Westinghouse capacity to invest corporate assets in research and development depends upon the success in obtaining and maintaining a competitive advantage.
- (iii) The information is being transmitted to the Commission in confidence and, under the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.790, it is to be received in confidence by the Commission.
- (iv) The information is not available in public sources to the best of our knowledge and belief.
- (v) The proprietary information sought to be withheld in this submittal is that which is attached to Westinghouse Letter Number NS-CE-1460, Eicheldinger to Stello, dated June 15, 1977. The letter and attachment are being submitted in support of the Commission's review of the reactor pressure vessel supports analysis for Indian Point 3.

Public disclosure of the information sought to be withheld is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of Westinghouse, taking into account the value of

the information to Westinghouse, the amount of effort and money expended by Westinghouse in developing the information, and considering the ways in which the information could be acquired or duplicated by others.

Further the deponent sayeth not.



FOR UNRESTRICTED DISTRIBUTION

DATE: _____ BY: _____

