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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE,
GENERAL ELECTRIC (GE) HANDOUTS USED DURING A MEETING WITH THE
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) ON AUGUST 21 AND 22, 1995

Dear Mr. Quinn:

By your letter dated August 22, 1995, you submitted the subject handouts and requested that they be withheld from public disclosure. The request was made in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 and is supported by affidavit executed by George B. Stramback, dated August 22, 1995, which claims in part that the information is classified as proprietary because it contains PANTHERS/PCC test results, TRACG qualification containment analysis results, GIRAFFE-Toshiba test results, scaling information on Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (SBWR) testing, and PANDA test results. The SBWR TRACG and testing programs have been under development by GE and its associates for more than seven years at a total program cost of tens of millions of dollars. In addition, the affidavit identifies the following reasons:

1. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GE's competitors without license from GE constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
2. Information which, if used by a competitor, would reduce his expenditures of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product.
3. Information which reveals aspects of past, present, or future GE customer-funded development plans and programs, of potential commercial value to GE.

We have reviewed your letter and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statement, have determined that the following pages of the submitted information do not contain trades secrets or proprietary commercial information.

- Analysis Approach for LOCA with Hydrogen
- Analysis Approach for LOCA with Hydrogen (contd.)
- Containment Application Methodology

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- TRACG Application for DBA Analysis

Therefore, you are requested to review your claim and notify the staff if any of the above pages are still considered company proprietary. If the information is not received, we intend to place the subject pages in the Public Document Room within 30 days of the date of this letter.

However, the remaining portion of your handouts will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

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. 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 included your information. In all review situations, if the NRC needs additional information from you or makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,
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