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Mr. J. T. Beckham, Jr.
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT NO. 2

Dear Mr. Beckham:

By your application dated August 25, 1995, and affidavit by General Electric Company (GE) dated June 29, 1995, you submitted GE report DRF B11-00617-20, "A Stress Corrosion Cracking Evaluation of XM-19 in the BWR Environment" and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

GE stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

1. The information discusses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by General Electric's competitors without license from General Electric constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
2. The information which, if used 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 of a similar product.
3. The information identified above is classified as proprietary because it contains detailed results and analysis of material performance from plant environment exposure and experimentation to qualify XM-19 for application in the BWR environment. The qualification of this material has resulted in extensive design changes for application and use of this material in many BWR components. The qualification and design application of this material to both new and existing BWRs was at a significant cost to GE, on the order of several million dollars.

The development of the evaluation process along with the interpretation and application of the analytical results is derived from the extensive experience database that constitutes a major GE asset.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information.

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Therefore, the GE report DRF B11-00617-20, "A Stress Corrosion Cracking Evaluation of XM-19 in the BWR Environment" marked as proprietary, 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 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 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 also should 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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