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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR  
WESTINGHOUSE AP600 DESIGN LETTER OF AUGUST 11, 1995

Dear Mr. Liparulo:

By Westinghouse letter NTD-NRC-95-4528, dated August 11, 1995, you submitted test data for blind test SB09 for the AP600 Final Data Report on the Low Pressure Integral Systems Test at Oregon State University (WCAP-14252). This data was excluded from the original report until Westinghouse had performed all blind test analyses associated with this test. With the completion of these analyses, the SB09 test data has been released to be included as part of WCAP-14252. In addition, you have included a 4mm data cartridge tape with your submittal which contains the SB09 test data in electronic format. The staff notes that, via a separate correspondence, you submitted a non-proprietary version of the Oregon State University Final Data Report (WCAP-14253) which contains information on the SB09 blind test for placement in the Public Document Room (NTD-NRC-95-4557 dated September 15, 1995).

In the letter, you stated that certain information in SB09 blind test data and, by inference, associated information in the 4mm data tape, was considered proprietary and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. The attached affidavit executed by Brian A. McIntyre of Westinghouse on August 11, 1995, (AW-95-871), stated that this information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for several reasons including the following:

- 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.

We have reviewed your submittal and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of Westinghouse's statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or proprietary commercial information.

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Therefore, we have determined that the SB09 blind test data and the associated 4mm data tape enclosed in NTD-NRC-95-4528, which is 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 disclosure should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). You should also understand that NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future if, for example, 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,

original signed by:

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