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Docket No. 50-395

Mr. E. H. Crews, Jr., Vice President
and Group Executive - Engineering
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South Carolina Electric and Gas Company
P. O. Box 764
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Dear Mr. Crews:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

By your application dated November 2, 1978, you requested that portions of the table attached to the letter (FSAR Table 6.2-48c) be withheld from public disclosure. The table consisted of mass and energy releases for a postulated main steam line break accident. The application for withholding was supported by affidavits from the Westinghouse Electric Corporation (Westinghouse) dated July 23, 1976, October 26, 1978 and December 5, 1978. The July 23, 1976 affidavit was previously submitted to the Commission on Docket Nos. 50-348 and 50-364.

The reason for requesting our withholding of this information was that Westinghouse has expended a considerable amount of highly qualified development effort in formulating the analytical methods, performing the analyses, evaluating the data, and performing engineering and research backup support and that the disclosure of this information would be harmful to the Westinghouse competitive position.

We have reviewed your application and all the supporting information based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR 2.790 and have determined that public disclosure of the mass and energy release data sought to be withheld would be harmful to the Westinghouse competitive position.

We have also found at this time that the right of the public to be fully apprised as to the bases for and effects of the proposed licensing action does not outweigh the demonstrated concern for the Westinghouse competitive position. Our reason for this determination is that the data will be made available to those members of the public, including architect engineers who have a need for its use in designing, constructing, licensing, or operating a plant, under appropriate protective agreements. Accordingly, we have determined that the information should be withheld from public disclosure.

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We therefore approve your request for withholding pursuant to Section 2.790 of 10 CFR Part 2 and are withholding from public inspection the mass and energy release data sought to be withheld in your application.

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, assure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary data.

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 us.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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