



UNITED STATES  
**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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March 1, 1996

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, FTI TOPICAL REPORT BAW-10204P, REVISION 2, "SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT TUBE REPAIR CRITERIA FOR ODSCC AT TUBE SUPPORT PLATES," JANUARY 1996, SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. M94535)

Dear Mr. Taylor:

By your affidavit dated January 9, 1996, you submitted FTI Topical Report BAW-10204P, Revision 2, "South Texas Project Tube Repair Criteria for ODSCC at Tube Support Plates," January 1996, FTI Proprietary, and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. Your affidavit was transmitted by a January 22, 1996, application for a license amendment from Houston Lighting & Power that would modify the steam generator tube plugging criteria in Technical Specification 3/4.4.5, Steam Generators, and the allowable leakage in Technical Specification 3/4.4.6.2, Operational Leakage, and the associated Bases. The amendment would allow the implementation of alternate steam generator tube plugging criteria for the tube support plate (TSP)/tube intersections for Unit 1. BAW-10204, Revision 2, "South Texas Project Tube Repair Criteria for ODSCC at Tube Support Plates," a non-proprietary version of this report was also submitted.

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

- c. The use of the information by a competitor would decrease his expenditures, in time or resources, in designing, producing or marketing a similar product.
- d. The information consists of test data or other similar data concerning a process, method or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage to FTI [Framatome Technologies, Inc.].
- e. The information reveals special aspects of a process, method, component or the like, the exclusive use of which results in a competitive advantage to FTI.

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. Therefore, the version of the submitted

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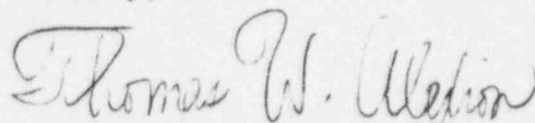
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information marked as proprietary will be withheld from the public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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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