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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE -
HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1

Dear Mr. Beckham:

By your application dated March 4, 1996, and General Electric (GE) affidavit dated February 22, 1996, executed by David J. Robare, you submitted GE report GENE-771-39-0794, "Supplement B To Shroud and Shroud Repair Hardware Stress Analysis," and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

GE provided the following reasons for exemption from mandatory public disclosure.

1. The information discloses 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 which discloses patentable subject matter for which it may be desirable to obtain patent protection; and
4. The information identified above, is classified as proprietary because it contains detailed results of a hardware design modification (stabilizers for the shroud horizontal welds) intended to be installed in a reactor to resolve the reactor pressure vessel core shroud weld cracking concern. The development and approval of this design modification utilized system, component, and models and computer codes that were developed at a significant cost to GE, on the order of several hundred thousand dollars.

The development of the supporting processes was at a significant additional cost to GE, in excess of a million dollars, over the above the large cost of developing the underlying proprietary report information.

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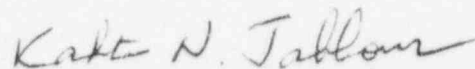
We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information.

Therefore, the GE report GENE-771-39-0794 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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