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April 24, 2020

Ms. Michelle P. Catts Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC P.O. Box 780 M/C A-10 Wilmington, NC 28401

SUBJECT: GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL - AMERICAS, LLC REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING 1Q20 GNF ATF, MARCH 11, 2020, QUARTERLY MEETING PRESENTATION INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (EPID L-2019-PMP-0098)

Dear Ms. Catts:

By letter dated April 9, 2020 (Letter No. M200061, Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20100H680), Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas LLC (GNF-A), submitted 1Q20 GNF ATF, March 11, 2020, Quarterly Meeting Final Presentations and an affidavit dated April 9, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20100H694), that was submitted and executed by Kent Halac, Senior Engineer, Regulatory Affairs, GNF-A, requesting that the information contained in March 11, 2020, 1Q20 GNF ATF Quarterly Meeting Final Presentation, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 2.390.

A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and is available in ADAMS Accession No. ML20100H690.

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure because it is:

- a. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GNF-A's competitors without license from GNF-A constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
- b. 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.
- c. Information which discloses patentable subject matter for which it may be desirable to obtain patent protection.
- d. Information which discloses patentable subject matter for which it may be desirable to obtain patent protection.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, based on your statements, have determined that the submitted information

Therefore, the version of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-6695.

Sincerely,

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