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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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June 17, 1996

Mr. Leon R. Eliason  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE,  
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION (TAC NO. M93356)

Dear Mr. Eliason:

By your application, dated May 22, 1996, and General Electric's affidavit dated February 16, 1996, executed by George B. Stramback, you submitted General Electric Topical Report GE-NE-E1100075-01, "Hope Creek Generating Station Shutdown Cooling Analyses", dated February 1996, and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

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

1. Information that 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. 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 sought to be withheld is classified as proprietary because it contains detailed results of a TRACG code analysis of the Hope Creek Shutdown Cooling Event including sensitivity analysis of the important parameters using analytical models, methods, and processes, including computer codes, which GE has developed and applied to perform evaluations of reactor loss-of-coolant accidents and transients for the Boiling Water Reactor.

The development and approval of the TRACG code for application to the BWR as used in this analysis was achieved at a significant cost, on the order of several million dollars, to General Electric.

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The development of the evaluation process along with the interpretation and application fo the analytical results is derived from the extensive experience database that constitutes a major General Electric asset.

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 General Electric Topical Report GE-NE-E1100075-01, "Hope Creek Generating Station Shutdown Cooling Analyses", dated February 1996, 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,

/s/

David H. Jaffe, Senior Project Manager  
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