

February 9, 1988

Docket No. 50-374

Mr. L. D. Butterfield, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Butterfield:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC

By your application and attached affidavit dated January 19, 1988, you submitted a License and Technical Specification amendment request for LaSalle County Station Unit 1, Cycle 3 Reload and requested that a selected portion be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

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

The information sought to be withheld contained in "Supplemental Reload Licensing Submittal for LaSalle County Station Unit 1 Reload 2 (Cycle 3)," 23A5836 Supplement 1, dated September 1987, is classified as proprietary and contains important details of the GE8x8EB fuel design not available to other parties. In addition, this document contains details of the thermal limits of the GE8x8EB fuel design. These limits could be used by competitors to derive valuable design information. Although it is necessary to include some thermal limits information in plant Technical Specifications, thus making this information available to competitors, it is important to limit the amount of information to the extent possible.

We have reviewed your application and the material based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of General Electric Company's statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or proprietary commercial information. Therefore, the "Supplemental Reload Licensing Submittal for LaSalle County Station Unit 1 Reload (Cycles 3)," 23A5836 Supplement 1, dated September 1987, 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.

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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 should also understand that the NEC may have cause to review this determination in the future, such as, 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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