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CAW-88-097

Dr. Thomas Murley, Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

APPLICATION FOR WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Subject: Update Meeting, BMI Flux Thimble Wear, August 10, 1988

Dear Dr. Murley:

The proprietary information for which withholding is being requested in the enclosed letter by Houston Lighting and Power Company is further identified in an affidavit signed by the owner of the proprietary information, Westinghouse Electric Corporation. The affidavit, which accompanies this letter, sets forth the basis on which the information may be withheld from public disclosure by the Commission and addresses with specificity the considerations listed in paragraph (b)(4) of 10CFR Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations.

The proprietary material for which withholding is being required is of the same technical type as that proprietary material previously submitted as Affidavit CAW-85-044.

Accordingly, this letter authorizes the utilization of the accompanying affidavit by Houston Lighting and Power Company.

Correspondence with respect to the proprietary aspects of the application for withholding or the Westinghouse affidavit should reference this letter, CAW-88-097, and should be addressed to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Wiesemann, Manager
Regulatory & Legislative Affairs

Enclosures

cc: E. C. Shomaker, Esq.
Office of the General Counsel, NRC

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PROPRIETARY INFORMATION NOTICE

TRANSMITTED HERewith ARE PROPRIETARY AND/OR NON-PROPRIETARY VERSIONS OF DOCUMENTS FURNISHED TO THE NRC IN CONNECTION WITH REQUESTS FOR GENERIC AND/OR PLANT SPECIFIC REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

IN ORDER TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10CFR2.790 OF THE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION SO SUBMITTED TO THE NRC, THE INFORMATION WHICH IS PROPRIETARY IN THE PROPRIETARY VERSIONS IS CONTAINED WITHIN BRACKETS AND WHERE THE PROPRIETARY INFORMATION HAS BEEN DELETED IN THE NON-PROPRIETARY VERSIONS ONLY THE BRACKETS REMAIN, THE INFORMATION THAT WAS CONTAINED WITHIN THE BRACKETS IN THE PROPRIETARY VERSIONS HAVING BEEN DELETED. THE JUSTIFICATION FOR CLAIMING THE INFORMATION SO DESIGNATED AS PROPRIETARY IS INDICATED IN BOTH VERSIONS BY MEANS OF LOWER CASE LETTERS (a) THROUGH (g) CONTAINED WITHIN PARENTHESES LOCATED AS A SUPERScript IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BRACKETS ENCLOSING EACH ITEM OF INFORMATION BEING IDENTIFIED AS PROPRIETARY OR IN THE MARGIN OPPOSITE SUCH INFORMATION. THESE LOWER CASE LETTERS REFER TO THE TYPES OF INFORMATION WESTINGHOUSE CUSTOMARILY HOLDS IN CONFIDENCE IDENTIFIED IN SECTIONS (4)(11)(a) THROUGH (4)(11)(g) OF THE AFFIDAVIT ACCOMPANYING THIS TRANSMITTAL PURSUANT TO 10CFR2.790(b)(1).

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER COMPANY

Letter for Transmittal to the NRC

Enclosed are:

1. (10) copies of WCAP-11963, "NRC Update Meeting, South Texas BMI Flux Thimble Wear" dated August 10, 1988.
(Proprietary).
2. (10) copies of WCAP-11964, "NRC Update Meeting, South Texas BMI Flux Thimble Wear" dated August 10, 1988.

Also enclosed is a Westinghouse authorization letter, CAW-88-097, Proprietary Information Notice, and accompanying Affidavit.

THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN YOUR LETTER TO THE NRC:

As item 1 contains information proprietary to Westinghouse Electric Corporation, it is supported by an affidavit signed by Westinghouse, the owner of the information. The affidavit sets forth the basis on which the information may be withheld from public disclosure by the Commission and addresses with specificity the considerations listed in paragraph (b)(4) of Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the information which is proprietary to Westinghouse be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10CFR Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations.

Correspondence with respect to the proprietary aspects of the Application for Withholding or the supporting Westinghouse Affidavit should reference CAW-88-097 and should be addressed to R. A. Wiesemann, Manager of Regulatory & Legislative Affairs, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, P.O. Box 355, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230-0355.

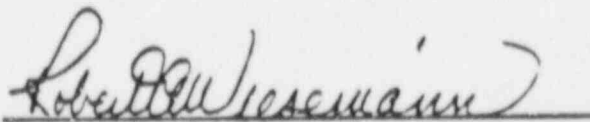
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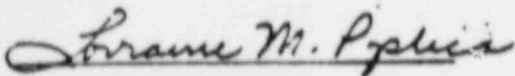
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COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY:

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Robert A. Wieseemann, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of Westinghouse Electric Corporation ("Westinghouse") and that the averments of facts set forth in this Affidavit are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief:


Robert A. Wieseemann, Manager
Regulatory and Legislative Affairs

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 9th day
of July 1985.



Notary Public
LORRAINE M. PIPLICA, NOTARY PUBLIC
MONROEVILLE BORO. ALLEGHENY COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DEC 31, 1987
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

AFFIDAVIT

- (1) I, Robert A. Wiesemann, am Manager, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, in the Nuclear Technology Division of Westinghouse and as such have been specifically delegated the function of reviewing the proprietary information sought to be withheld from public disclosure in connection with nuclear power plant licensing or rulemaking proceedings, and am authorized to apply for its withholding on behalf of the Westinghouse Water Reactor Divisions.
- (2) I am making this Affidavit in conformance with the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations and in conjunction with the Houston Lighting and Power Company application for withholding accompanying this Affidavit.
- (3) I have personal knowledge of the criteria and procedures utilized by Westinghouse Water Reactor Divisions in designating information as a trade secret, privileged or as confidential commercial or financial information.
- (4) Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b) (4) of Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, the following is furnished for consideration by the Commission in determining whether the information sought to be withheld from public disclosure should be withheld.
 - (i) The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned and has been held in confidence by Westinghouse.
 - (ii) The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by Westinghouse and not customarily disclosed to the public. Westinghouse has a rational basis for determining the types of information customarily held in confidence by it and, in that connection, utilizes a system to determine when and whether to hold certain types of information in confidence. The application of that system and the substance of that system constitutes Westinghouse policy and provides the rational basis required.

Under that system, information is held in confidence if it falls in one or more of several types, the release of which might result in the loss of an existing or potential competitive advantage, as follows:

- (a) The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
- (b) It consists of supporting data, including test data, relative to a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.), the application of which data secures a competitive economic advantage, e.g., by optimization or improved marketability.
- (c) Its use 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.
- (d) It reveals cost or price information, production capacities, budget levels, or commercial strategies of Westinghouse, its customers or suppliers.
- (e) It reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Westinghouse.
- (f) It contains patentable ideas, for which patent protection may be desirable.
- (g) It is not the property of Westinghouse, but must be treated as proprietary by Westinghouse according to agreements with the owner.

There are sound policy reasons behind the Westinghouse system which include the following:

- (a) The use of such information by Westinghouse gives Westinghouse a competitive advantage over its competitors. It is, therefore, withheld from disclosure to protect the Westinghouse competitive position.
 - (b) It is information which is marketable in many ways. The extent to which such information is available to competitors diminishes the ability of Westinghouse to sell products and services involving the use of the information.
 - (c) Use by our competitor would put Westinghouse at a competitive disadvantage by reducing his expenditure of resources at our expense.
 - (d) Each component of proprietary information pertinent to a particular competitive advantage is potentially as valuable as the total competitive advantage. If competitors acquire components of proprietary information, any one component may be the key to the entire puzzle, thereby depriving Westinghouse of a competitive advantage.
 - (e) Unrestricted disclosure would jeopardize the position of Westinghouse in the world market, and thereby give a market advantage to the competition in those countries.
 - (f) The Westinghouse capacity to invest company assets in research and development depends upon the success in obtaining and maintaining a competitive advantage.
- (iii) The information is being transmitted to the Commission in confidence and, under the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.790, it is to be received in confidence by the Commission.

- (iv) The information is not available in public sources to the best of our knowledge and belief.
- (v) The proprietary information sought to be withheld in this submittal is that which is bracketed in WCAP-10865 transmitted by Houston Lighting and Power Company application for withholding accompanying this affidavit.

This information enables Westinghouse to:

- (a) Justification of TGX design changes from original four-loop configuration.
- (b) TGX upper internals qualifications with respect to flow-induced vibrations
- (c) Assist its customers to obtain licenses

Further, this information has substantial commercial value as follows:

- (a) Westinghouse sells the use of the information to its customers for purposes of meeting NRC requirements for licensing documentation.
- (b) Westinghouse uses the information to perform and justify analyses which are sold to customers.

Public disclosure of this information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of Westinghouse because it would enable others to use the information to meet NRC requirements for licensing documentation without purchasing the right to use the information.

The development of this information is the result of substantial Westinghouse effort and the expenditure of a considerable sum of money.

In order for competitors of Westinghouse to duplicate this information, experimental test programs may have to be performed and a significant manpower effort, having the requisite talent and experience, would have to be expended for data analyses and computer program development.

Further the deponent sayeth not.