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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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October 26, 1998

Mr. Glen A. Watford  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE,  
PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 2 (TAC NO. MA2353)

Dear Mr. Watford:

By application dated July 10, 1998, and supplemented by letter dated September 11, 1998, PECO Energy Company (PECO) requested amendment for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS), Unit 2, operating license, proposing revision to the Technical Specifications to provide a new Safety Limit Minimum Critical Power Ratio (SLMCPR). That request included a General Electric Company (GE) letter from Steven B. Shelton, GE Nuclear Energy, to K. W. Hunt, PECO Energy Company (addressed to PECO NUCLEAR), "Peach Bottom, Unit 2, Cycle 13 Safety Limit MCPR," dated June 10, 1998. That letter included your affidavit dated June 16, 1998; requesting that the document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. PECO's supplemental letter dated September 11, 1998, forwarded your affidavit dated September 10, 1998, requesting that additional supplemental documents be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. A nonproprietary version was submitted for placement in the NRC's public document room.

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

- (1) 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; and
- (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.

We have reviewed the above 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 version of the submitted information 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 you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at (301) 415-1476.

Sincerely,

/s/

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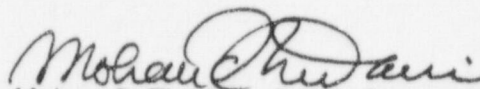
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