

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

February 2, 1987

Docket No. 50-219

Mr. P. B. Fiedler Vice President and Director Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station Post Office Box 388 Forked River, New York 08731

Dear Mr. Fiedler:

SUBJECT: PROPRIETARY DATA REQUEST FOR CONTAINMENT PURGE AND VENT ISOLATION VALVES (TAC 64380)

Re: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station

In your letter dated June 17, 1986, you provided a document from the Center Line Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma and requested, under 10 CFR 2.790, that it be considered proprietary and treated accordingly. This document was used by the NRC staff to evaluate your request dated September 24, 1985, to cancel the commitment to install new containment purge and vent isolation valves (valves). In its evaluation dated October 10, 1986, the staff concluded the existing valves were acceptable and your proposal to cancel the commitment to install the new valves was acceptable. In the letter dated October 10, 1986, I incorrectly referred to your request as being dated September 24, 1986. As stated above, it was dated September 24, 1985.

In my letter dated October 10, 1986, I requested that you provide the basis per 10 CFR 2.790 for the document to be withheld from public disclosure and an affidavit. Since October 10, 1986, GPU Nuclear (the licensee) has shown that the basis and affidavit is contained in the enclosures to your letter dated June 17, 1986.

It was stated by Center Line Company that the submitted report No. 179 on three of the company's butterfly valves should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- Center Line has, to date, held the contents of report 179 in strict confidence,
- (2) Center Line, as well as other valve manufacturers, customarily withhold flow test data in confidence and publish only information about the valve discharge coefficient,
- (3) At Center Line's request, and as a part of the licensee's purchase order, it is its wish that the report be kept confidential.
- (4) Report No. 179 is not in the public domain. Center Line contracted an individual to perform the tests and provide a report only to them.

(5) Center Line holds that this information could cause substantial harm to its competitive position because other manufacturers cruld adopt this information for their use without purchasing the information and could use this report against Center Line in the market place.

We have reviewed the application and material based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR 2.790, and, on the basis of the vendor's statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information. For this report, in the balancing of the interests of the vendor urging nondisclosure and the public interest in disclosure, there is no compelling reason for not withholding this information for the basis provided by the vendor.

Therefore, Center Line Report No. 179, Cavitation, Torque, and Performance Testing of a 6-inch and 12-inch Elliptical Disc and a 6-inch Symmetrical Disc Butterfly Valves, marked as proprietary, will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Emergency 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 it should become known to you in the future that the basis for withholding this information from public inspection has changed such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You and Center Line Company should also understand that the NRC 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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