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Mr. Charles M. Dugger
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3 (TAC NO. MA6172)

Dear Mr. Dugger:

By your application dated July 15, 1999, and affidavit dated April 30, 1999, executed by Joseph J. Kelly, Manager of B&W Owners Group Services for Framatome Technologies, Inc., you submitted B&W Report 51-1234900-00, "Fluence Uncertainty Information For Extending Waterford Unit 3 P-T [pressure/temperature] Limits to 20 EFPY [effective full power years]," dated July 1995, in support of an amendment request and requested that the report be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

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

- D.(ii)c. The use of the information by a competitor would decrease his expenditures, in time or resources, in designing, producing or marketing a similar product.
- d. The information consists of test data or other similar data concerning a process, method or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage to FTI [Framatome Technologies, Inc.].
- e. The information reveals special aspects of a process, method, component or the like, the exclusive use of which results in a competitive advantage to FTI.

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 and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, B&W Report 51-1234900-00 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 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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-3025.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

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