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WITHHOLDING OF INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE - GENERAL ELECTRIC
 TOPICAL REPORT NEDE-13426P

The General Electric Company transmitted Topical Report NEDE-13426P, "Mark III Confirmatory Test Program One-Third Scale Pool Swell Impact Tests, Test Series 5805" by letter, dated September 15, 1975. The General Electric Company requested that this topical report be withheld from public disclosure as proprietary.

The reasons given for withholding this report were that the report is of the type that GE customarily maintains in confidence and withholds from public disclosure and that no public disclosure of it has been made. In their letter, G.E. stated that the data contained in NEDE-13426P was obtained at considerable expense and its release would allow competitors to confirm similar designs without incurring similar expense. Extensive measures have been taken to guard the information contained in this report and it has been released outside the company only in accordance with contractual proprietary agreements. A copy of NEDO-13426, a non-proprietary version of NEDE-13426P has been placed in the Commission's public document room for review by interested members of the public.

I have reviewed topical report NEDE-13426P and determined that its contents are proprietary. I have further determined that the legitimate concerns for protection of G.E.'s competitive status outweigh the needs for full disclosure.

In view of the foregoing, I have determined that disclosure of NEDE-13426P is not required in the public interest nor by 10 CFR Part 9, and therefore should be withheld from public inspection pursuant to Section 2.790 of 10 CFR Part 2.

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