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ATTN: W.R. Butler, Chief
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555



SUBJECT:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY LICENSING TOPICAL REPORT NEDE-20942-P, "SAFETY-RELIEF VALVE DISCHARGE ANALYTICAL MODELS"

Dear Sir:

Thirty-five copies of the subject report, NEDE-20942-1P, are being provided in response to the request for additional information enclosed with your letter to Mr. Ivan F. Stuart dated October 16. 1975.

This report contains information which the General Electric Company customarily maintains in confidence and withholds from public disclosure. The information has been handled and classified proprietary by General Electric in accordance with the procedures and standards set forth in Attachment A to this letter, and we hereby request that the report be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with the provisions of IOCFR2.790.

This particular information is necessary for our business and gives us an opportunity to obtain an advantage over competitors who do not have access to it. The information was developed at considerable expense to General Electric, and its release would allow competitors to confirm similar designs without incurring similar expense. Extensive measures have been employed to guard such information, and to the best of our knowledge, the information has been released outside the Company only in accordance with contractual proprietary agreements. It is, therefore, requested that this information be held in confidence, and not be released for publication or otherwise disclosed.

Sincerely.

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