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Mr. James Barstow  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
FOR WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1

Dear Mr. Barstow:

By letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated May 4, 2023 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML23124A403), Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) submitted an emergency license amendment request (LAR) and requested that WCAP-18774-P, Revision 1 (i.e., Enclosure 2 to the LAR) be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to section 2.390 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). TVA explained that due to the emergent nature of the LAR, Enclosure 2 was submitted as a proprietary document in its entirety. TVA stated that it would submit a revision of Enclosure 2 with revised proprietary markings and an associated non-proprietary version within 30 days following NRC approval of the LAR.

Subsequently, by letter dated June 1, 2023 (ML23152A150), TVA submitted a revision to WCAP-18774-P with proprietary markings accompanied by an affidavit dated May 31, 2023, executed by Zachary Harper, Senior Manager, Licensing Engineering for Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, that requested the proprietary information contained in the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390

WCAP-18774-P, Revision 3, "Addendum to the Rotterdam Dockyard Company Final Stress Report for 173" P.W.R. Vessels TVA III & IV (Report No. 30749-B-030, Rev. 3) – Evaluation of One Closure Stud Out of Service for 40 Years for Watts Bar Units 1 and 2," dated May 2023

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

- (a) The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.

- (c) Its use 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 a similar product.
- (e) It reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Westinghouse.

We have reviewed TVA's application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, based on the statements in the affidavit, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the versions of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(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.

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 301-415-1627.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-390

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