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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, "WESTINGHOUSE AP300™ SMR
DESIGN DESCRIPTION OVERVIEW WHITE PAPER FOR PRE-APPLICATION
ENGAGEMENT"

REFERENCE: Westinghouse Affidavit AW-23-065

Dear Ms. Zozula:

By letter dated December 7, 2023 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML23347A167), Westinghouse Electric Company submitted in Enclosure 1, an affidavit, signed by Mr. Zachary Harper, dated December 8, 2023, requesting the subject white paper contained in Enclosure 2 (ML23347A168) to the letter be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390. Enclosure 2 is dated December 2023 and marked as "Westinghouse Proprietary Class 2" on every page.

The affidavit stated that, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390, the submitted information is trade secret, privileged, or as confidential commercial or financial information and should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

1. The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned and has been held in confidence by Westinghouse Electric Company.
2. The information is of a type held in confidence by Westinghouse Electric Company and not customarily disclosed to the public.
3. The information is transmitted to the Commission in confidence.
4. The information sought to be protected is not available in public.
5. The public disclosure of this proprietary information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of Westinghouse because it would enhance the ability of competitors to provide similar technical evaluation justifications and licensing defense services without commensurate expenses.

The information should be held in confidence for the following reasons (itemized as (a) and (c) in Enclosure 1):

- (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.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390, and on the basis of the statements in the affidavits, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure. Therefore, the version(s) of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390 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 301-415-5848.

Sincerely,

/RA/

William "Billy" Gleaves, Sr. Project Manager
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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