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SUBJECT: HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION - REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR LICENSE AMENDMENT
REQUEST TO REVISE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION LIFT SETTINGS FOR
REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM SAFETY/RELIEF VALVES
(EPID L-2024-LLA-0089)

Dear Charles McFeaters:

By letter dated June 28, 2024, you submitted an affidavit dated May 8, 2024, executed by Lisa K. Schichlein, Senior Licensing Engineer, General Electric Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC (GEH), requesting that the information contained in the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Section 2.390 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR):

Attachment 5: GE-Hitachi (GEH) Nuclear Energy NEDC-34037P, "Safety Review for Hope Creek Generating Station Safety/Relief Valve Setpoint Increase and Tolerance Change," Revision 0, dated May 2024

A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and added to the NRC Library in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML24180A127.

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

- (5) a. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GEH's competitors without a license from GEH constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
- (5) b. Information that, if used by a competitor, would reduce its expenditure of resources or improve its competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and because of 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 version 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. The NRC staff 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, please contact me at 301-415-4125 or James.Kim@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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