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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY INFORMATION
FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE - WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY
COBALT-60 DIGITAL SERIALIZATION APPROACH WHITE PAPER
(EPID: L-2025-LRO-0004)

Dear Jerrod Ewing:

On February 7, 2025, Westinghouse Electric Company (Westinghouse) submitted an affidavit (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML25038A126) executed on February 7, 2025, by you, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requesting that the information contained in the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 2.390, "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding:"

**Submittal of the Westinghouse Cobalt-60 Digital Serialization Approach
White Paper**

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory 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.
- b) It consists of supporting data, including test data, relative to a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.), the application of which data secures a competitive economic advantage (e.g., by optimization or improved marketability).
- c) Its use by a competitor would reduce their expenditure of resources or improve their competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing a similar product.
- d) It reveals cost or price information, production capacities, budget levels, or commercial strategies of Westinghouse, its customers or suppliers.
- e) It reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Westinghouse.

- f) It contains patentable ideas, for which patent protection may be desirable.

Westinghouse has stated that the report referenced above contains proprietary information throughout, for the reasons set forth in Sections 5 (a) and (c) of the affidavit. Accordingly, a redacted version would be of no value to the public.

The NRC staff has reviewed the affidavit and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and based on the statements in the affidavit, it has determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure. In addition, we have determined that the document contains extensive proprietary information to an extent that a non-proprietary (i.e., redacted) version would be of no value to the public.

Therefore, 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.

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, Westinghouse should promptly notify the NRC. Westinghouse also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future if, for example, the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes Westinghouse information. In all review situations, the NRC will follow applicable laws, regulations, and policies in conducting its review, including the NRC's policies on notifying the owner of information in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-415-3151 or via email at Ekaterina.Lenning@nrc.gov

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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