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Subject: Comments and Proprietary Markings on the Draft Safety Evaluation for Westinghouse Topical Report WCAP-18483-P/NP, "EnCore® Chromium Coated Cladding for Use in Pressurized Water Reactors" (Proprietary)

In response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's ("Commission's") letter dated May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (ML26113A560), enclosed are comments and proprietary markings on the Draft Safety Evaluation for Westinghouse Topical Report WCAP-18483-P/NP, "EnCore® Chromium Coated Cladding for Use in Pressurized Water Reactors".

This submittal contains proprietary information of Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC ("Westinghouse"). In conformance with the requirements of 10 CFR Section 2.390, as amended, of the Commission's regulations, we are enclosing with this submittal an Affidavit. The Affidavit sets forth the basis on which the information identified as proprietary may be withheld from public disclosure by the Commission.

While each piece of proprietary information is marked and qualified in conformance with 10 CFR 2.390, the Commission does not require a non-proprietary version of these markups. As such, a non-proprietary will not be issued.

Correspondence with respect to the proprietary aspects of this submittal or the Westinghouse Affidavit should reference AW-26-046 and should be addressed to Jerrod A. Ewing, Manager, Operating Plants Licensing, Westinghouse Electric Company, 1000 Westinghouse Drive, Building 1, Cranberry Township, PA 16066.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jerrod Ewing'.

Jerrod Ewing, Manager  
Operating Plants Licensing

cc: Ekaterina Lenning  
Damaris Marciano

Enclosures:

- (1) Affidavit, AW-26-046
- (2) Comments and Proprietary Markings on the Draft Safety Evaluation for Westinghouse Topical Report WCAP-18483-P/NP, "EnCore® Chromium Coated Cladding for Use in Pressurized Water Reactors" (Proprietary)

**Enclosure 1**

**Affidavit, AW-26-046**

**(Non-Proprietary)**

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

County of Butler:

- (1) I, Jerrod Ewing, Operating Plants Licensing Manager; Cranberry Township, PA, have been specifically delegated and authorized to apply for withholding and execute this Affidavit on behalf of Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse).
- (2) I am requesting LTR-NRC-26-31, Enclosure 2 be withheld from public disclosure under 10 CFR 2.390.
- (3) I have personal knowledge of the criteria and procedures utilized by Westinghouse in designating information as a trade secret, privileged, or as confidential commercial or financial information.
- (4) Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390, the following is furnished for consideration by the Commission in determining whether the information sought to be withheld from public disclosure should be withheld:
  - (i) The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned and held in confidence by Westinghouse;
  - (ii) The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is not customarily disclosed to the public by Westinghouse on the basis that public disclosure of the information would likely cause substantial harm to Westinghouse's competitive position. Further, disclosure of the information would enhance the ability of Westinghouse's competitors to provide similar technical evaluation justifications and licensing services for commercial power reactors without commensurate expenses, and enable others to use the information to meet NRC requirements for licensing documentation without purchasing the right to use the information from Westinghouse;
  - (iii) The information sought to be withheld is being transmitted to the Commission in confidence; The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is not, to Westinghouse's knowledge, available in public sources.

- (5) Westinghouse has policies in place to identify proprietary information. Under that system, information is held in confidence if it falls in one or more of several types, the release of which might result in the loss of an existing or potential competitive advantage, as follows:
- (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 his expenditure of resources or improve his 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.
- (6) The attached submittal contains proprietary information throughout, for the reasons set forth in Sections (5) (a) and (c) of this Affidavit. Accordingly, a redacted version would be of no value to the public.

I declare that the averments of fact set forth in this Affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 7/13/2026



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Signed electronically by  
Jerrod Ewing