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Dear Peter Gohdes,

By letter dated July 30, 2026 (ML26217A232), PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG) submitted an affidavit from GSE Performance Solutions LLC (GSE) requesting that specific information included with the letter be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.390. The affidavit states that information contained in Enclosure 1 to the letter contain GSE proprietary information.

The NRC staff reviewed the affidavit and information provided in the letter in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390. The affidavit and Enclosure 1 to the letter do not specifically identify the information that is claimed to be proprietary. However, the nonproprietary version of Enclosures 1 that was provided in Enclosure 3 clearly identifies where proprietary information was withheld. By comparing the proprietary and nonproprietary documents, the NRC staff determined the specific information claimed to be proprietary in the GSE affidavit. Based on the statements in the affidavit and by comparing the proprietary and nonproprietary documents, the staff determined that the information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure. Therefore, the information the staff determined to be proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5).

The regulation in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii) requires, in part, that affidavit indicate "the location(s) in the document of all information sought to be withheld." Therefore, the NRC staff requests that PSEG ensure that proprietary documents it submits to the NRC in the future are appropriately portion marked to clearly identify, with specificity, the information to be withheld. The failure to do so creates additional effort for the NRC staff and may require the licensee to resubmit proprietary documents to include adequate markings.

The NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future. If the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, the submitter will be notified in advance of any public disclosure. Additionally, in future submittals, PSEG should ensure that portion marking, for example, is used to distinguish between the proprietary and nonproprietary information when submitting proprietary documents.

Sincerely,

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