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SUBJECT: BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT 1 - REQUEST FOR
WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(TAC NO. MA7177)

Dear Mr. Watford:

By letter dated November 17, 1999, Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) submitted a request for license amendment regarding a proposed revision of the minimum critical power ratio safety limit values at Brunswick, Unit 1. Included with CP&L's letter was your affidavit dated October 21, 1999, executed by you, requesting that the additional information also included with the letter entitled "Additional Information Regarding the Cycle Specific SLMCPR for Brunswick 1 Cycle 13" be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. A nonproprietary version was included in this submittal for placement in the NRC public document room.

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

- (4)a. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by General Electric's competitors without license from General Electric constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies; and
- (4)b. Information which, if used 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 of a similar product.

The NRC staff has reviewed your material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statements, has 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 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-415-1390.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Allen G. Hansen, Project Manager, Section 2
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