

November 1, 2000

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION (TAC NO. M96880)

Dear Mr. Eissa:

By letter dated October 17, 2000, the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation submitted your affidavit dated October 9, 2000, requesting that the information contained in the Altran Corporation (Altran) Technical Report 99251-TR-001, Revision 2, "RBCCW Response to a Simultaneous LOCA/SLB & LOOP Event," be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. A non-proprietary version of this report was not provided.

The affidavit stated that the information submitted should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure since it:

- a. Has substantial commercial value to Altran. Altran intends to sell the information to nuclear utilities for the purpose of supporting the operation and licensing of nuclear power plants. The subject information could only be duplicated by competitors at similar expense to that incurred by Altran;
- b. Public disclosure of this information is likely to cause harm to Altran because it would allow competitors in the nuclear industry to benefit from the results of a significant development program without requiring a commensurate expense or allowing Altran to recoup a portion of its expenditures or benefit from the sale of the information.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the Technical Report 99251-TR-001 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.

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. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

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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, I may be reached at 301-415-1475.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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