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SUBJECT: QUAD CITIES - REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM  
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (TAC NOS. MA7793 AND MA7794)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

By your application dated December 27, 1999, and affidavit dated December 2, 1999, executed by George B. Stramback of General Electric Company (GE), you submitted report GE-NE E11-00105-00-01-01, "Technical Specification Improvement Analysis for the Reactor Protection System for Quad Cities Station, Unit 1," dated December 1999, report GE-NE E11-00105-00-02-01, "Technical Specification Improvement Analysis for the Reactor Protection System for Quad Cities Station, Unit 2," dated December 1999, and report GE-NE E11-00105-00-03-01, "Technical Specification Improvement Analysis for the Emergency Core Cooling System Actuation Instrumentation for Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 & 2," dated December 1999, and requested that they be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. By letter dated July 7, 2000, you submitted non-proprietary versions of these reports. The non-proprietary versions are report GE-NE E11-00105-00-05-01, "Technical Specification Improvement Analysis for the Reactor Protection System for Quad Cities Station, Unit 1," dated March 2000, report GE-NE E11-00105-00-06-01, "Technical Specification Improvement Analysis for the Reactor Protection System for Quad Cities Station, Unit 2," dated March 2000, and report GE-NE E11-00105-00-07-01, "Technical Specification Improvement Analysis for the Emergency Core Cooling System Actuation Instrumentation for Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 & 2," dated March 2000. A copy of these non-proprietary documents has been placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) public document room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems Publicly Available Records System (ADAMS PARS) Library.

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

This is 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.

This is information which reveals aspects of past, present, or future GE customer-funded development plans and programs, of potential commercial value to GE.

This information would provide other parties, including competitors, with valuable interpretive information regarding the application of reliability based methodology

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to boiling water reactor (BWR) instrumentation. A substantial effort has been expended by GE to develop this information in support of the BWR Owners Group Technical Specifications Improvement Program.

Public disclosure of the information sought to be withheld is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of GE.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of GE's statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the version(s) 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.

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.

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 301-415-2863.

Sincerely,

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