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SUBJECT: DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER - REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING  
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (TAC NO. MB0394)

Dear Mr. Van Middlesworth:

By your application dated October 16, 2000, and GE Nuclear Energy's affidavit executed by George B. Stramback dated September 28, 2000, you submitted a proprietary document, General Electric Report GE-NE-A22-00100-08-01, "Pressure-Temperature Curves for Duane Arnold Energy Center," Revision 0, dated September 2000, and you requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 9.17(a)(4), 2.790(a)(4) and 2.790(d)(1). Also, a non-proprietary version of this document (GE-NE-A22-00100-08-01a), forwarded by letter dated January 19, 2001, has been placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Public Document Room (PDR) and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room located on the NRC internet website at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov).

GE Nuclear Energy's affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- 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;
- 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 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 proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the versions 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 301-415-3049.

Sincerely,

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