

May 4, 2001

Mr. Mike Bellamy  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC  
DISCLOSURE, PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION (TAC NO. MB1139)

Dear Mr. Bellamy:

By your application dated April 13, 2001, and affidavit dated April 4, 2001, executed by Glen A. Watford you submitted "Response to NRC Request for Additional Information on Pilgrim Cycle 14 SLMCPR" and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

The 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 GNF-A's competitors without license from GNF-A 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.
- c. The information identified in Attachment 4 of our letter dated April 13, 2001, is classified as proprietary because it contains details of GNF-A's fuel design and licensing methodology.
- d. The development of the methods used in these analyses, along with the testing, development and approval of the supporting methodology was achieved at a significant cost, on the order of several million dollars, to GNF-A or its licensor.

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 proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the version marked 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 301-415-1445.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

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