

December 18, 2001

Mr. Raymond L. Wenderlich
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE, NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 2
(TAC NO. MB3327)

Dear Mr. Wenderlich:

By your application dated November 20, 2001, and affidavit dated October 24, 2001, executed by Mr. Glen A. Watford, you submitted an "Application for Amendment to the Technical Specifications Concerning the Safety Limit Minimum Critical Power Ratio." Attachment E of your application is a technical document prepared by Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas, L.L.C. (GNF-A), which you requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Section 2.790. You also submitted a non-proprietary version of the same document as Attachment G for placement in the NRC public document room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's 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:

- (i) The information discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GNF-A's competitors without license from GNF-A constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies;
- (ii) The information, if used by a GNF-A competitor, would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing or a similar product.

We have reviewed Attachments E of your November 20, 2001, letter in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790. On the basis of Mr. Watford's statements, we have 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.

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 301-415-1451.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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