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Ms. Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-00001

OFFICE OF SECRETARY
RULEMAKINGS AND
ADJUDICATIONS STAFF

Re: Proposed Rule – “Availability of Official Records”
66 Fed. Reg. 52721 (October 17, 2001) –
Request for Extension of Comment Period

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Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

On behalf of Westinghouse Electric Company (“Westinghouse”) I am requesting an extension of time for filing of comments in the above captioned rulemaking from December 31, 2001 to January 21, 2002. Westinghouse has identified significant issues with the proposed rule and plans to file comments calling those issues to the attention of the Commission. The current December 31, 2001 expiration of the comment period falls within the week between Christmas and New Year’s Day – a time when many persons at Westinghouse with knowledge of the company’s proprietary information and practices and the impact of the proposed rule on such information and practices will be unavailable. A twenty-one day extension of time will enable Westinghouse to obtain input and review from such persons, and thus to file fully integrated comments.

I thank the Commission for consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Barton Z. Cowan

Barton Z. Cowan for
Westinghouse Electric Company

cc: Catherine M. Holzle, Senior Attorney, OGC