

December 10, 2004

Mr. Christopher M. Crane, President
and Chief Nuclear Officer
Exelon Generation Company, LLC
4300 Winfield Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT: LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 - REQUEST FOR
WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(TAC NOS. MB7795 AND MB7796)

Dear Mr. Crane:

By letter from Exelon Generation Company, LLC, dated November 15, 2004, (RS-04-169), and General Electric (GE)'s affidavit, executed by Brad Erbes, dated November 3, 2004, the licensee responded to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's request for additional information (RAI) regarding proposed changes to LaSalle County Station's Technical Specification 3.4.11, "RCS Pressure and Temperature (P/T) Limits." The response to the RAI included GE proprietary information.

A nonproprietary version of this document has been placed in the NRC public document room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Public Electronic Reading Room located on the NRC internet website at www.NRC.gov.

GE requested that the proprietary information be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.790. GE stated that the information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (4)a Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GE's competitors without license from GE constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies;
- (4)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;
- (8) The information identified in the GE proprietary submittal identified above is classified as proprietary because it contains detailed methods and processes, which GE has developed and applied to pressure-temperature curves for the boiling-water reactor (BWR) over a number of years.

The development of the BWR pressure-temperature curves was achieved at a significant cost, on the order of 3/4 million dollars, to GE. The development of the evaluation process along with the interpretation and application of the analytical results is derived from the extensive experience database that constitutes a major GE asset.

We have reviewed your submittal 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 trade secrets or proprietary commercial information. Therefore, the versions of the submitted information marked as proprietary in your submittal of November 15, 2004, 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.

Sincerely,

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