

December 27, 2004

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SUBJECT: GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL - AMERICAS, LLC (GNF-A LLC), REQUEST FOR
WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR HOPE
CREEK GENERATING STATION (TAC NO. MC 3093)

Dear Ms. Harding:

By letter dated December 2, 2004, PSEG Nuclear LLC submitted affidavits dated November 23, 2004, executed by you requesting that the information contained in the following documents be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2, Section 2.390:

- (a) Additional Information Regarding the Cycle-Specific SLMCPR for Hope Creek Cycle 13, November 22, 2004.
- (b) Additional information relating to requested amendment to license No. NPF-57 PSEG Nuclear LLC Company Hope Creek Generating Station Docket No. 50-354, November 22, 2004.

Nonproprietary copies of these documents have been placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) public electronic reading room.

The affidavits stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (1) This information is of the type typically held in confidence by GNF-A, and is in fact so held.
- (2) The information is being transmitted to the NRC in confidence.
- (3) The information has not been publically disclosed, nor is it available in public sources.
- (4) The information discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GNF-A' competitors constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.

- (5) The information, 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.
- (6) Public disclosure of this information would cause GNF-A to lose its competitive advantage if its competitors were able to use the results to normalize or verify their own process or if they were able to claim an equivalent understanding by demonstrating that they can arrive at the same or similar conclusions.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 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 2.390(b)(4) 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 301-415-1427.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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