

November 21, 2005

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SUBJECT: GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING  
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR QUAD CITIES NUCLEAR  
POWER STATION (TAC NOS. MC4397 AND MC4398)

Dear Mr. Stramback:

By letter dated October 28, 2005, Patrick R. Simpson, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, submitted several affidavits executed by you on the following dates requesting that the documents listed below be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

- C      October 26, 2005: GENE-0000-0041-9352-01-P, "Additional Justification for Power Low Scaling of Stresses in Quad Cities Unit 2 Steam Dryer to Final EPU Level of 2957 MWt Class III, Revision 0," GE Proprietary dated July 2005
- C      October 27, 2005: GENE-0000-0046-8129-01-P, "Updated Stress Extrapolation in Quad Cities Steam Dryers to Final EPU Level of 2957 MWt Class III, Revision 0," GE Proprietary dated October 2005
- C      October 25, 2005: GENE-0000-0046-5358-01-P, "Quad Cities Units 1 and 2 Replacement Steam Dryer Analysis Stress, Dynamic, and Fatigue Supplementary Analyses for EPU Conditions, Revision 0," GE Proprietary dated October 2005
- C      October 27, 2005: GENE-0000-0045-9761-01-P, "LMS Report - Quad Cities New Design Steam Dryer - Dryer #1, Dryer #2 and Finite Element Model Outer Hood Frequency Response Functions Extension to 200 Hz, Revision 3," GE Proprietary dated October 27, 2005
- C      October 24, 2005: Letter from Richard Bodily (GE Nuclear Energy) to Alan Bontjes (Exelon Generation Company, LLC), GE Letter GE-ENG-DRY-141, "Response to NRC Concern on Quad Cities Steam Dryer Startup Criteria," dated October 24, 2005

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 Public Electronic Reading Room.

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

- (1) The information discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by General Electric's competitors without license from General Electric constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies; and
- (2) 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.

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)(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 301-415-1486.

Sincerely,

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