

March 24, 2006

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Dear Mr. Quintana:

By letter dated February 27, 2006, General Electric Company (GE) submitted an affidavit dated February 16, 2006, executed by you, and requested that the information contained in GE Report GE-NE-0000-0050-5900P: "Comparative Evaluation of the Monticello Core Plate Rim Hold-down Bolts and BWRVIP-25, Appendix A Analysis," Revision 0, February 2006, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390. A non-proprietary copy of this document has been placed in the NRC Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Library.

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

1. The report has been held in confidence by GE, its owner.
2. The report is a type customarily held in confidence by GE. The report is a type, which GE considers as a trade secret and is held in confidence by GE because to disclose it would prevent GE from licensing the report at fees, which would allow GE to recover its investment.
3. The report is not available in public sources.
4. A public disclosure of the report would be highly likely to cause substantial harm to GE's competitive position.

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, GE Report GE-NE-0000-0050-5900P: "Comparative Evaluation of the Monticello Core Plate Rim Hold-down Bolts and BWRVIP-25, Appendix A Analysis," Revision 0, February 2006, 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 by telephone at 301-415-3777 or via e-mail at DXM2@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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