

August 28, 2007

Mr. Ronnie L. Gardner
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SUBJECT: AREVA NP, INC. - REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR THE RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE NRC
FOR MAAP AND MELCOR INPUT FILES FOR THE U.S. EPR
(TAC NO. MD0303)

Dear Mr. Gardner:

By letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated May 11, 2007, AREVA NP Inc. submitted an affidavit dated May 11, 2007 (ADAMS Accession Number ML071350435), executed by Ronda M. Daflucas, requesting that the information contained in the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390: a CD containing the U.S. EPR Input Files for MAAP and MELCOR. You indicated that you considered the information contained on this CD to be proprietary in its entirety, thus you did not provide a non-proprietary version.

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

- (1) Use of the information by a competitor would permit the competitor to significantly reduce its expenditures, in time or resources, to design, produce, or market a similar product or service.
- (2) The information includes test data or analytical techniques concerning a process, methodology, or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage for AREVA NP.

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 version 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 301-415-3361.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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