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Mr. Samuel L. Belcher
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
RE: PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT FOR EXTENDED POWER UPRATE
(EPU) OPERATION, STEAM DRYER MODIFICATIONS – NINE MILE POINT
NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 2 - (TAC NO. ME1476)

Dear Mr. Belcher:

By letter dated November 5 and December 10, 2010, and January 31, February 4, June 13, and August 5, 2011, you submitted affidavits dated November 3 and November 22, 2010, and January 17, January 21, June 2, and August 1, 2011, respectively, all executed by Mr. Alan J. Bilanin of Continuum Dynamics, Inc. (C.D.I.), 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:

C.D.I. Letter No. 10158 dated 3 November 2010, Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 2 - Re: The License Amendment Request for Extended Power Uprate Operation (TAC No. ME1476) - Steam Dryer.

C.D.I. Letter No. 10165 dated 22 November 2010, C.D.I. Report No. 10-10P, "Acoustic & Low Frequency Hydrodynamic Loads at CLTP [current license thermal power] Power Level on NMP Unit 2 Steam Dryer to 250 Hz Using ACM Rev. 4.1", Revision 2.

C.D.I. Report 10-09P "ACM Rev. 4.1: Methodology to Predict Full Scale Steam Dryer Loads from In-Plant Measurements," Revision 2.

C.D.I. Letter No. 11006 dated 17 January 2011, Supplement Information Regarding Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 2 - Re: The License Amendment Request for Extended Power Uprate Operation (TAC No. ME1476) - Steam Dryer.

C.D.I. Letter No. 11010 dated 21 January 2011, C.D.I. Report No. 10-09, "ACM Rev. 4.1: Methodology to Predict Full Scale Steam Dryer Loads from In-Plant Measurements," Revision 3.

C.D.I. Letter No. 11067 dated 2 June 2011, (1) Responses to RAIs NMP2-EMCB-SD-RAI-8 S02(d) and NMP2-EMCB-SD-RAI-21 S02; (2) C.D.I. Report No. 11-03P, "Sub-Modeling in the Nine Mile Point Unit 2 Steam Dryer," Revision 1; (3) C.D.I. Report No. 11-04P, "Stress Evaluation of Nine Mile Point Unit 2 Steam Dryer Using [Acoustic Circuit Model] ACM Rev. 4.1 Acoustic Loads," Revision 0.

C.D.I. Letter No. 11102 dated 1 August 2011, C.D.I. Technical Note No. 11-17P, "Limit Curve Analysis with ACM Rev. 4.1 for Power Ascension at Nine Mile Point Unit 2," Revision 1.

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

- a) The information summarizes a process or method, including supporting data and analysis, where prevention of its use by C.D.I.'s competitors without license from C.D.I. constitutes a competitive advantage over other companies;
- 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;
- c) Information which discloses patentable subject matter for which it may be desirable to obtain patent protection.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of the statements in the affidavit, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the above listed documents 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 Nuclear Regulatory Commission (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.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-1030.

Sincerely,

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