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Mr. Scott Head
Manager, Regulatory Affairs
STP Units 3 & 4
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
FOR SOUTH TEXAS PROJECTS UNITS 3 AND 4

Dear Mr. Head:

By letter dated February 23, 2011, you submitted an affidavit dated February 18, 2011, executed by B. F. Maurer, Manager, ABWR Licensing, requesting that information 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:

South Texas Project Units 3 and 4 "Comprehensive Vibration Assessment
Program Measurement, Test, and Inspection Plan (Unit 3)"

A nonproprietary copy of this document was provided in Attachment 3 and was placed in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Public Electronic Reading Room (ADAMS Accession No. ML110600761).

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

- i. The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned and has been held in confidence by Westinghouse.
- ii. This information is of a type customarily held in confidence by Westinghouse and not customarily disclosed to the public. Westinghouse has a rational basis for determining the types of information customarily held in confidence by it and, in that connection, utilizes a system to determine when and whether to hold certain types of information in confidence. The application of that system and the substance of that system constitutes Westinghouse policy and provides the rational basis required.
- iii. This information is being transmitted to the Commission in confidence and, under the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.390; it is to be received in confidence by the Commission.

- iv. This information sought to be protected is not available in public sources or available information has not been previously employed in the same original manner or method to the best of our knowledge and belief.
- v. The proprietary information sought to be withheld in this submittal is that which is appropriately marked in WCAP-17370-P, "South Texas Project Unit 3 Comprehensive Vibration Assessment Program Measurement, Test, and Inspection Plan" (Proprietary) for submittal to the Commission, being transmitted by Nuclear Innovation North America (NINA) letter and Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure, to the Document Control Desk. The proprietary information as submitted by Westinghouse is to assist the NRC in the review of the South Texas Project Units 3&4 flow-induced vibration program.

We have reviewed the February 23, 2011, letter and the affidavit 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 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 301-415-8484 or Tom.Tai@nrc.gov

Sincerely,

/RA/

Tom Tai, Project Manager
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