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Vice President, Operations
Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.
Palisades Nuclear Plant
27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway
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SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT – REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (TAC NO. MF6448)

Dear Sir or Madam:

By letter dated July 31, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15219A587), Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENO) submitted an affidavit dated July 28, 2015, executed by Mr. David W. Stager of Structural Integrity Associates, Inc. (SI). You requested that the information contained in the following two Seagate Backup Plus Portable Drives be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

- Both portable drives are Model No. SRD00F1, and one is Serial Number NA7LMJGW and the other is Serial Number NA7LMJ67. These two (2) portable drives contain identical sets of SI electronic data files that are classified as "SI Proprietary Information" in accordance with the policies established by SI for the control and protection of proprietary and confidential information.

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

- (a) The information reveals details of SI's privately funded research and development plans and programs or their results.
- (b) 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.
- (c) The information includes test data or analytical techniques concerning a process, methodology, or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage for SI.
- (d) The information reveals certain distinguishing aspects of a process, methodology, or component, the exclusive use of which provides a competitive advantage for SI in product optimization or marketability.

- (e) The information is vital to a competitive advantage held by SI, would be helpful to competitors to SI, and would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of SI.

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 Enclosure to Letter PNP 2015-059 from Jeffrey A. Hardy, Regulatory Assurance Manager dated July 31, 2015, "Response to Request for Supplemental Information for Relief Request Number RR 4-22 – Proposed Alternative, Use of Alternate ASME Code Case N-770-1 Baseline Examination (TAC No. MF6448)," which is 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 document. 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 U.S 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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Jennivine.Rankin@nrc.gov or (301) 415-1530.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jen Rankin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jennivine K. Rankin, Project Manager
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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