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June 24, 2016

Mr. Scott D. Northard
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SUBJECT: PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 and 2 -
REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(CAC NOS. MF7121 AND MF7122)

Dear Mr. Northard:

By letter dated May 23, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16144A805), you submitted an affidavit dated May 16, 2016, executed by James A. Gresham, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), 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:

Westinghouse-Prepared RAI [request for additional information] Responses CE-16-237, Attachment 1 (Proprietary)

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

- (a) The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
- (b) Its use 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 a similar product.

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 Westinghouse-Prepared RAI Responses CE-16-237, Attachment 1 (Proprietary) 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.

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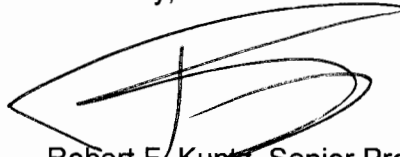
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If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). 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

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-3733.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Kuntz', enclosed within a large, stylized oval or loop.

Robert F. Kuntz, Senior Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch III-1
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
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