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February 21, 2018

Mr. Peter P. Sena, III  
President and Chief Nuclear Officer  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
FOR HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION (EPID L-2017-LLA-0387)

Dear Mr. Sena:

By letter dated January 22, 2018 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML18022A374), PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG) submitted an affidavit dated December 18, 2017, executed by Mr. Charles F. Lamb, Engineering Manager, Reload Design and Analysis, Global Nuclear Fuel – Americas, LLC (GNF). PSEG requested that the information contained in Enclosure 1 to its letter be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.390. Specifically, PSEG requested that the following document be withheld:

Proprietary Report GNF-004N5379-R1-P, "GNF Additional Information Regarding the Requested Changes to the Technical Specification SLMCPR [Safety Limit Minimum Critical Power Ratio Change], Hope Creek Cycle 22," dated December 2017

A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed with the January 22, 2018, letter in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and added to the NRC Library in ADAMS.

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

- (4)a. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GNF-A's competitors without license from GNF-A constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies;
- (4)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.

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 version of the submitted information

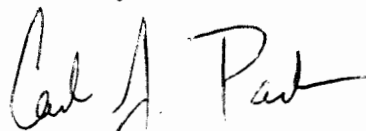
marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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 301-415-1603 or [Carleen.Parker@nrc.gov](mailto:Carleen.Parker@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carleen J. Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carleen" and last name "Parker" clearly distinguishable.

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Division of Operating Reactor Licensing  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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