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DEPARTMENT

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attn: Mr. Robert W. Reid, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #4
Division of Operating Reactors

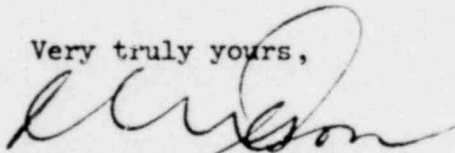
Subject: Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant
Units Nos. 1 & 2, Dockets Nos. 50-317 & 50-318
CEA Guide Tube Inspection Program

Reference: NRC letter dated 9/26/79 from R. W. Reid to
A. E. Lundvall, Jr. same subject.

Gentlemen:

The referenced letter requested that we provide additional information concerning the subject program. Enclosed are a proprietary copy and a non-proprietary copy of CEN-116(B), providing the requested information. Also enclosed is a signed affidavit executed by Combustion Engineering, Inc. in support of their request that the material contained in CEN-116(B)-P be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR Part 2.790.

Very truly yours,



R. C. L. Olson
Senior Engineer

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Enclosures (1) CEN-116(B)-P (Copies 1-40)
(2) CEN-116(B)-NP (20 copies)
(3) Signed Affidavit (40 copies)

cc: J. A. Biddison, Esquire
G. F. Trowbridge, Esquire
Mr. E. L. Conner, Jr. - NRC
Mr. P. W. Kruse - CE (w/o encl)

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AFFIDAVIT PURSUANT

TO 10 CFR 2.790

Combustion Engineering, Inc.)
State of Connecticut)
County of Hartford) SS.:

I, A. E. Scherer depose and say that I am the Manager, Licensing of Combustion Engineering, Inc., duly authorized to make this affidavit, and have reviewed or caused to have reviewed the information which is identified as proprietary and referenced in the paragraph immediately below. I am submitting this affidavit in conformance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations and in conjunction with the application of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company for withholding this information.

The information for which proprietary treatment is sought is contained in the following document:

CEN-116(B)-P, Response to Request for Additional Information, CEA
Guide Tube Inspection Program, Calvert Cliffs Unit No. 2, Docket
No. 50-318.

This document has been appropriately designated as proprietary.

I have personal knowledge of the criteria and procedures utilized by Combustion Engineering in designating information as a trade secret, privileged or as confidential commercial or financial information.

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b) (4) of Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, the following is furnished for consideration by the Commission in determining whether the information sought to be withheld from public disclosure, included in the above referenced document, should be withheld.

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1. The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is that related to establishing crimp criteria for CEA guide tube sleeves and test and inspection measures to determine sleeve performance which is owned and has been held in confidence by Combustion Engineering.

2. The information consists of test data or other similar data concerning a process, method or component, the application of which results in a substantial competitive advantage to Combustion Engineering.

3. The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by Combustion Engineering and not customarily disclosed to the public. Combustion Engineering 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 details of the aforementioned system were provided to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission via letter DP-537 from F.M. Stern to Frank Schroeder dated December 2, 1974. This system was applied in determining that the subject documents herein are proprietary.

4. The information is being transmitted to the Commission in confidence under the provisions of 10 CFR 2.790 with the understanding that it is to be received in confidence by the Commission.

5. The information, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is not available in public sources, and any disclosure to third parties has been made pursuant to regulatory provisions or proprietary agreements which provide for maintenance of the information in confidence.

6. Public disclosure of the information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of Combustion Engineering because:

a. A similar product is manufactured and sold by major pressurized water reactors competitors of Combustion Engineering.

b. Development of this information by C-E required thousands of manhours of effort and hundreds of thousands of dollars. To the best of my knowledge and belief a competitor would have to undergo similar expense in generating equivalent information.

c. In order to acquire such information, a competitor would also require considerable time and inconvenience related to analytical programs, obtaining access to test reactor facilities, and conducting extensive in-pile testing.

d. The information required significant effort and expense to obtain the licensing approvals necessary for application of the information. Avoidance of this expense would decrease a competitor's cost in applying the information and marketing the product to which the information is applicable.


e. The information consists of specific information related to establishing crimp criteria for guide tube sleeves and specific testing and inspection details, the application of which provides a competitive economic advantage. The availability of such information to competitors would enable them to modify their product to better compete with Combustion Engineering, take marketing or other actions to improve their product's position or impair the position of Combustion Engineering's product, and avoid developing similar data and analyses in support of their processes, methods or apparatus.

f. In pricing Combustion Engineering's products and services, significant research, development, engineering, analytical, manufacturing,

licensing, quality assurance and other costs and expenses must be included. The ability of Combustion Engineering's competitors to utilize such information without similar expenditure of resources may enable them to sell at prices reflecting significantly lower costs.

g. Use of the information by competitors in the international marketplace would increase their ability to market nuclear steam supply systems by reducing the costs associated with their technology development. In addition, disclosure would have an adverse economic impact on Combustion Engineering's potential for obtaining or maintaining foreign licensees.

Further the deponent sayeth not.

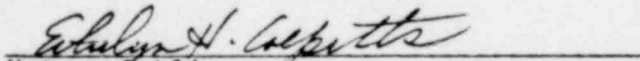


A. E. Scherer

Manager, Licensing

Sworn to before me

this 20th day of October, 1979



Notary Public

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State of Connecticut No. 33976

Commission Expires March 31, 1983

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