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APPLICATION FOR WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Subject: Proprietary computer codes, code documentation and associated input modeling data for use in the preapplication review in anticipation of an Application for Design Certification of the CANDU 3 Reactor in the United States

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is twofold: (1) to transmit the subject proprietary information, and (2) to apply for withholding from public disclosure the subject information pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations. In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790, the affidavit (Enclosure 1) which accompanies this letter sets forth the basis for the Commission's withholding the information from the public and addresses, with specificity, each of the five considerations identified in 2.790(b)(4).

The subject information, which is fully described in the accompanying affidavit, is being submitted in conjunction with preapplication review of the CANDU 3 design. The preapplication review is being conducted in anticipation of an application for certification of the CANDU 3 design in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR Part 52.

In accordance with the conditions of an Export Permit issued by the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs authorizing transfer of this information to the NRC, use of the information is restricted to code evaluation and analysis of the CANDU 3 reactor system

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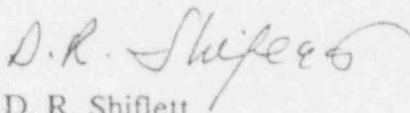
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in connection with the preapplication review. Disclosure which would enable use by a third party for a purpose other than the preapplication review would constitute a breach of the intent for which the permit was issued.

Correspondence with respect to the proprietary aspects of this application for withholding, or the accompanying affidavit, should reference this letter and should be sent to me:

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D.R. Shiflett", written in dark ink.

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Enclosures:
As stated