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Docket Nos. 50-361
and 50-362

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Gentleman:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE -
SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION - UNITS 2 AND 3 - RESPONSE
TO GENERIC LETTER 92-01

By letter dated January 29, 1993, from Southern California Edison Company (SCE) and by affidavit dated January 26, 1993, from Combustion Engineering, Inc. (C-E), SCE responded to Generic Letter 92-01 and the following documents are requested to be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790:

1. Appendices B, C, D, and E of Attachment A, "San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2 Response to Generic Letter 92-01, Revision 1, January 22, 1993"
2. Appendices B, C, D, and E of Attachment B, "San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 3 Response to Generic Letter 92-01, Revision 1, January 22, 1993"

Also enclosed are Attachments D and E which are nonproprietary portions of the above response.

The Combustion Engineering affidavit forwarded with the proprietary documents stated that the documents cited in Items 1 and 2 should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

1. The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure, which is owned and has been held in confidence by Combustion Engineering, is the fabrication specifications, material certifications, and chemical analysis for the reactor vessel plate and welding materials.
2. The information consists of test data or other similar data concerning a process, method, or component, the application of which results in substantial competitive advantage to Combustion Engineering.
3. The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by

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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 document herein is 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 [C-E] 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 reactor competitors of Combustion Engineering.
 - b. Development of this information by C-E required thousands of manhours and millions of dollars. To the best of my [C-E] 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 to develop similar fabrication specifications, material certifications, and chemical analysis for the reactor vessel plate and welding materials.
 - 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 the fabrication specifications, material certifications, and chemical analysis for the reactor vessel plate and welding materials, 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 or 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.

We have reviewed your letter and the material based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of Combustion Engineering's statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or proprietary commercial information.

Therefore, "Appendices B, C, D, and E of Amendment A and B" marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(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.

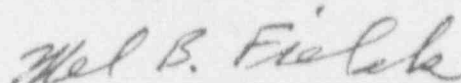
If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You should also

Messrs. Ray and Guiles

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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.

Sincerely,

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