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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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November 5, 1996

Mr. Jack D. Woodard
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

Dear Mr. Woodard:

By your application dated October 7, 1996, and affidavit from David J. Robare, General Electric (GE), dated April 29, 1996, you submitted GE Report NEDC-32041P, "Safety Review for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, Updated Safety/Relief Valve Performance Requirements," Revision 2 (Proprietary) April 1996, which details the safety analyses performed in support of your proposed amendment change.

GE stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure and withheld pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790 for the following reasons:

- a. The information discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by General Electric's competitors without license from General Electric constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies;
- b. The 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; and
- c. The information identified above, is classified as proprietary because it contains detailed results of analytical models, methods and processes, including computer codes, which GE has developed, obtained NRC approval of, and applied to perform evaluations of the loss-of-coolant accident for the BWR.

The development and approval of the BWR loss-of-coolant accident analysis computer codes used in this analysis was achieved at a significant cost, on the order of several million dollars, to GE.

The development of the evaluation process along with the interpretation and application of the analytical results is derived from the extensive experience database that constitutes a major GE asset.

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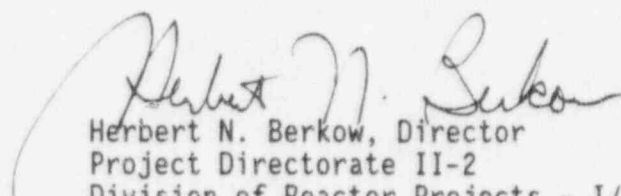
We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information.

Therefore, GE Report NEDC-32041P, "Safety Review for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, Updated Safety/Relief Valve Performance Requirements," Revision 2, April 1996, 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 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.

Sincerely,



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