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Attention: Ms. Claudia M. Craig, Senior Project Manager
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC
DISCLOSURES

Dear Ms. Craig:

Westinghouse requested that proprietary material be withheld from public disclosure for a Preliminary Report entitled "Incomplete Rod Cluster Control Assembly (RCCA) Insertion" submitted by NSD-NRC-96-4846. In the attachment to your December 20, 1996 response to that request, you identified certain information that Westinghouse consider proprietary as being non-proprietary.

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your request to identify additional justification for keeping the data submitted as proprietary. Westinghouse has reviewed your request and agrees with your assessment that the identified information presented in your attachment as being non-proprietary with the exception of two items, namely item (10) and item (14).

Item (10), page 49, 2nd Paragraph, 1st sentence: " To determine the specific growth contribution from surface oxide alone, the hydrogen in the accelerated corrosion test examples were measured and the dimensional changes in the corrosion test samples were corrected by [removing the hydrogen contribution] ^{abc} and the diameter changes were corrected for the [increased oxide thickness contribution]. ^{abc} The results.....

Response: Since this information delineates how the specific growth contribution was determined, Westinghouse feels that this information (bracketed) should remain proprietary for the same reasons as previously noted, i.e. (a), (b), (c) as noted in our letter AW-96-1021.

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item (14), pages 49-50, Table A.2

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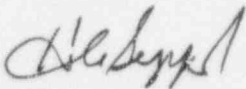
Item (14), Pages 69-74, Table A.2

Response: As noted in the attached marked copy of Table A-2, Westinghouse is in agreement with your assessment of the data in that table with the exception of the identified "growth and drag rates". Even though some utilities may not have cited this data as proprietary in their responses to NRC Bulletin 96-01, Westinghouse has consistently presented this data as proprietary. Therefore, this information should be withheld from the public document room for the same reasons, (a), (b), (c) as noted previously in Westinghouse AW-96-1021.

If you agree with our assessment of your review comments, Westinghouse will revise the report to reflect these comments and re-issue the report.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



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