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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, RE: OCTOBER 27, 1999, MEETING TO DISCUSS THREE MILE ISLAND NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 1 (TMI-1) CONTROL ROD PERFORMANCE ISSUES (TAC NO. MA2823)

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Your October 21, 1999, letter included the handout material (Attachments 1 and 3 to your letter) presented at the subject meeting held at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission headquarters on October 27, 1999, and an affidavit executed by you dated October 21, 1999 (Attachment 2 to your letter). The affidavit supported the proprietary claim for one of the slides presented at that meeting (Attachment 1 to your letter) and requested that the slide be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Section 2.790. Attachment 3 of your letter is nonproprietary and will be made publicly available in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC), Public Document Room and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Your affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

The use of the information by a competitor would decrease his expenditures, in time or resources, in designing, producing or marketing a similar product.

The information consists of test data or other similar data concerning a process, method or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage to FCF [Framatome Cogema Fuels].

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 and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the version of the submitted information 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.

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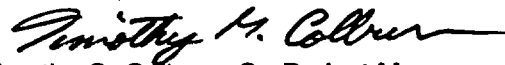
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If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC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

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-1402.

Sincerely,



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