

April 5, 2000

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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNIT 2, REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE - WCAP-15163, REVISION 1, "TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTING HIGH VOLTAGE ALTERNATE REPAIR CRITERIA AT HOT LEG LIMITED DISPLACEMENT TSP INTERSECTIONS FOR SOUTH TEXAS PLANT UNIT 2 MODEL E STEAM GENERATOR," MARCH 1999 (TAC NO. MA8312)

Dear Mr. Liparulo:

By STP Nuclear Operating Company's (STPNOC's) application dated February 21, 2000, and Westinghouse Electric Company's affidavit dated March 23, 1999, executed by Henry A. Sepp (reference CAW-99-1328), STPNOC submitted an application for amendment and requested that Attachment 9, Westinghouse report WCAP-15163, Revision 1, "Technical Support for Implementing High Voltage Alternate Repair Criteria at Hot Leg Limited Displacement TSP Intersections for South Texas Plant Unit 2 Model E Steam Generator," March 1999, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. A nonproprietary version (WCAP-15164, Revision 1) was submitted for placement in the NRC public document room.

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

The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.

The information, 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 a similar product.

The information reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Westinghouse.

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.

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 301-415-1278.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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