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January 17, 2012

Site Vice President
Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station
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SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION - REQUEST FOR
WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (TAC NO.
ME6248)

Dear Sir or Madam:

By letter dated January 5, 2012, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee) submitted the affidavit executed by Mr. Edward D. Schrull, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Services Licensing, GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy America LLC, dated December 20, 2011.

The affidavit requested that the information contained in the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.390:

Attachment 1 to the letter from Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Mr. Christopher J. Wamser, Site Vice President), BVY 11-082, dated January 5, 2012, "Response to Request for Additional Information (Proprietary Version)"

The affidavit from Mr. Schrull of GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy America LLC stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (4)(a). Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GEH's competitors without license from GEH constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies;
- (4)(b). Information that, 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.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 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 versions of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the NRC's Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Public Electronic Reading Room.

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 301-415-4125.

Sincerely,



James Kim, Project Manager
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-271

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