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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Lesar:

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) - REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON USE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) IN THE NRC'S ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

NRC requested comments on the use of ADR in the NRC's enforcement program in *Federal Register* Notice 66 FR 64890 dated December 14, 2001. TVA has reviewed and endorses the comments submitted by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) in a letter from Ralph E. Beedle dated January 28, 2002.

TVA agrees that ADR has the potential to increase the efficiency with which disputes are resolved. ADR can also serve as an appealing alternative to litigation and other formal enforcement proceedings, especially in discrimination cases. While such an approach may not be feasible in certain contexts, TVA believes that, for the many reasons outlined by NEI, the option of participating in ADR can, and should, be provided as an alternative to the limited, adversarial paths by which many issues have been pursued to date.

TVA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the ADR proposal. If you have questions, please contact me at (423) 751-2508.

Sincerely,

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