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COMMISSION AUTHORIZES BROWNS FERRY 3 RESTART

Chairman Shirley Ann Jackson today authorized the NRC Regional Administrator for Region II in Atlanta, Georgia, to allow restart of Tennessee Valley Authority's Browns Ferry 3 nuclear power plant in Alabama.

The plant was voluntarily shut down by TVA in March 1985 due to poor performance, equipment failures and the inability of management to identify and correct problems. The NRC staff, at an open Commission meeting November 9, recommended restart of the 1098-megawatt reactor.

Chairman Jackson, exercising delegated authority because the Commission is temporarily without a quorum, made the decision after consultation with Commissioner Kenneth C. Rogers. He agreed with the restart authorization.

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