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Docket No.: 50-328

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Dear Mr. Parris:

SUBJECT: ORDER EXTENDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE -
SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2

In response to your request of March 7, 1980, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued an Order extending the construction completion date for the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 2. In lieu of the latest completion date of April 1, 1980, as specified previously, the latest completion date has been extended to May 1, 1981.

A copy of the Order and the staff safety evaluation are enclosed for your information. The Order has been transmitted to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. S. Rubenstein".

L. S. Rubenstein, Acting Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Order Extending Completion Date
2. Staff Safety Evaluation

cc w/enclosures:
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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2
DOCKET NO. 50-328

ORDER EXTENDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is the holder of Provisional Construction Permit No. CPPR-73, issued by the Atomic Energy Commission* on May 27, 1970, for construction of the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 2, presently under construction at the licensee's site in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

On March 7, 1980, TVA filed a request for an extension of the completion date and stated that the delay in completion of construction of the Sequoyah Unit No. 2 was due to the following factors:

1. Diversion of significant manpower from the Sequoyah Unit No. 2 to Unit No. 1, as a direct result of the TMI-2 accident. Unit No. 1 is now completed and licensed for low power testing.
2. Plant modifications resulting from the preoperational testing and other problems encountered during the final phase of construction.

This action involves no significant hazards consideration; good cause has been shown for the delays; and the requested extension is for a reasonable period, the bases for which are set forth in a staff evaluation of the request for extension.

*Effective January 20, 1975, the Atomic Energy Commission became the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and permits in effect on that day were continued under the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Commission has determined that this action will not result in any significant environmental impact and, pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4), an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with this action.

The above stated documents are available for public inspection at the Commission Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20555, and at the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library, 1001 Broad Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the latest completion date for Provisional Construction Permit No. CPPR-73 be extended from April 1, 1980, to May 1, 1981.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


D. F. Ross, Jr., Acting Director
Division of Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Date of Issuance:

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EVALUATION OF A REQUEST
FOR EXTENDING CONSTRUCTION
PERMIT NO. CPPR-73 (UNIT 2)
DOCKET NO. 50-328

INTRODUCTION

The Tennessee Valley Authority requested on March 7, 1980, an extension of the latest completion date for the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant Unit No. 2 to May 1981. Fuel loading could occur as early as November 1980; however, an allowance for contingencies was suggested. Unit No. 1 is currently licensed for fuel loading and special low power testing.

DISCUSSION

The applicant's letter stated the delay on completion of construction for the Sequoyah Unit No. 2 was due to the following factors:

1. Three Mile Island (TMI) Nuclear Plant Incident - As a direct result of additional TMI scope items and the concentration of manpower which was required on Unit 1 to implement TMI modifications required for Unit 1 fuel loading, the Unit 2 construction schedule has been delayed six months.
2. Modifications Resulting from Changes in Design Scope - The construction schedule has been delayed for five months because of continuing problems in completion of pipe, ductwork, and conduit hanger construction, and in resolution of problems encountered during preoperational testing.

3. Reassessment of Plant Schedule - In addition to these factors which are directly affecting the construction schedule, there continue to be additions to the scope of the project which have a material but indirect impact on plant schedule.

Based on our review of the applicant's request, we find the above factors constitute good cause for the delay in completion of construction. Also, we agree with the applicant that it is prudent to allow some contingencies in the schedule in view of the ongoing efforts to fully implement all of the modifications to the plant as a result of the TMI accident.

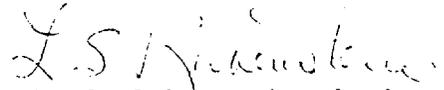
As a result of our review of the Sequoyah Final Safety Analysis Report to date and considering the nature of the delays, we have identified no significant hazards considerations in connection with the extension of the construction completion date. In addition, we find that the only change proposed by the applicant to the existing construction permit is an extension of the latest completion date. This extension will not allow any work to be performed involving new safety information of a type not considered by a previous Commission safety review of the facility and that is not already allowed by the existing construction permit. Therefore, we find that (1) this action does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) prior public notice of this action is not required, (3) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by extension of the construction completion date, and (4) good cause exists for issuance of an Order extending the completion date.

CONCLUSIONS

Accordingly, issuance of an Order extending the latest completion date for construction of the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant Unit No. 2 to May 1, 1981 is reasonable and should be authorized.



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Dated:
April 4, 1980