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Docket Nos. 50-259/260/296

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FOR BROWNS FERRY (TAC NOS. 00372, 00373, 00374)

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NRC STAFF PROPOSES TO AMEND OPERATING LICENSE AT  
BROWNS FERRY PLANT

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If approved, the amendment would delete the organizational charts from the administrative controls section of the Technical Specifications (TS) in accordance with Generic Letter (GL) 88-06. In addition, the title of Manager of Nuclear Power is being changed to Senior Vice President, Nuclear Power Group.

The Commission has determined that this change should be implemented as soon as possible. The amendment would permit organizational changes to be made by the licensee more expeditiously. Since the proposed changes have no adverse effect on safety and would be beneficial to overall efficiency, such changes should be permitted with minimum delay. Consequently, the NRC staff has determined that these exigent circumstances justify reducing the public notice period normally provided for licensing amendments and proposes to issue the amendment at the close of business June 30, 1988.

The licensee has evaluated this proposed change with regard to the determination of whether or not a significant hazards consideration is involved. Operation of Browns Ferry in accordance with the proposed amendment will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated. This proposed change is administrative in nature and is intended to eliminate the need for NRC approval of a license

amendment before implementation of an organization change. The changes to titles and references are also administrative in nature. The functions specified in Section 6 important to the safe operation of Browns Ferry have not been altered or deleted. There are no hardware, procedure, personnel or analysis changes represented by this proposal that adversely affect the probability of occurrence or the consequences of an accident previously evaluated in the plant Final Safety Analysis Report.

The proposed amendment will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously analyzed. This proposed change is administrative in nature and is intended to eliminate an unnecessary expenditure of resources to facilitate organization changes. The functions important to safety will continue to be performed by those individuals who are technically competent to perform these functions. The proposed change does not affect the functions specified in Section 6 of the TS for safety reviews and audits conducted at the site by the Plant Operations Review Committee, Nuclear Safety Review Board, Radiological Assessment Review Committee and Technical Review and Control.

The proposed amendment will not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Because general organization requirements will be maintained in the TS, removal of the organizational charts represents no reduction in current safety requirements. These changes will simply allow the implementation of changes in the organization structure without obtaining NRC approval. The changes to position titles and group references, as an administrative change, will also not reduce the margin of safety.

Following an initial review of this application, the requested amendment has been evaluated against the standards in 10 CFR 50.92 and the NRC staff has made a proposed (preliminary) determination that the requested amendment involves no significant hazards considerations. The changes to the organizational structure are administrative in nature and do not affect the consequences of any accident previously considered nor create the possibility of an accident of a different kind, nor decrease any margin of safety.

If the proposed determination that the requested license amendment involves no significant hazards consideration becomes final, the staff will issue the amendments without first offering an opportunity for a public hearing. An opportunity for a hearing will be published in the Federal Register at a later date and any hearing request will not delay the effective date of the amendment.

If the staff decides in its final determination that the amendment does involve a significant hazards consideration, a notice of opportunity for a prior hearing will be published in the Federal Register and, if a hearing is granted, it will be held before the amendment is issued.

Comments on the proposed determination of no significant hazards consideration may be telephoned to Suzanne Black, Assistant Director for Projects, by collect call to 1-(301)-492-0796, or submitted in writing to the Rules and Procedures Branch, Office of Administration and Resources Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555. All comments received by June 30, 1988 will be considered in reaching a final determination. A copy of the application may be examined at the NRC's Local Public Document Room located at the Athens Public Library, South Street, Athens, Alabama 35611, and at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555.

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