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Dear Mr. White:

SUBJECT: EXEMPTION: 10 CFR 50.48 SCHEDULAR REQUIREMENTS FOR
10 CFR 50 APPENDIX R FIRE PROTECTION MODIFICATIONS

Re: Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 2

We have been considering your exemption request from certain schedular requirements of Section 50.48 to 10 CFR 50 for Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 2. This responds to your request dated June 30, 1982 as supplemented March 27, June 5 and 12, August 14 and 23, and October 1, 1984, and April 2 and September 23, 1985.

We feel at this point that it would not be advisable to grant the request, based on the fact that the initial exemption request was made prior to the current operating difficulties and considerably before the current management structure and philosophy were put into place. The current implications of the TVA request for an exemption, given these new circumstances, suggest that you may wish to reconsider this issue along with the other issues under consideration for startup of the Browns Ferry units, particularly with the startup dates of those units currently undetermined. Our experience with other utilities is that more efficient operation results if all design changes at the plant are accomplished prior to startup, and commend TVA for taking this position for Units 1 and 3.

Please reassess the exemption request in view of the current status of the Browns Ferry units as well as the current regulatory climate, and inform us of your decision.

In a related matter, you may be aware that the Commission has approved the issue of a Generic Letter including guidance regarding the implementation of fire protection requirements through a license condition and simplified technical specifications.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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