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July 1, 2002

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Sir:

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| In the Matter of |) | Docket Nos. | 50-259 |
| Tennessee Valley Authority |) | | 50-260 |
| | | | 50-296 |

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - REPLY TO NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY (RIS) 2002-09, PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

This letter responds to the subject NRC RIS dated June 6, 2002. In the RIS, NRC requested specific information related to: (A) proposed examination preparation schedule for the number of operator examinations that need to be prepared during calendar years (CY) 2003-2006, (B) schedule for initial operator license examinations, including the number of applicants to be tested and the proposed primary and alternate dates of the examinations, and (C) proposed generic fundamentals examination (GFE) schedule, including the number of candidates that plan to take the GFE in CY 2003 and 2004.

Enclosed is a completed NRC FORM 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data, which provides BFN's current schedules for the specific information requested in the RIS.

Although 10 CFR 55, Operator Licenses, allows licensees to select who will prepare, proctor, and grade written examinations required by 10 CFR 55.41 and 55.43, BFN plans to use NRC prepared examinations for the operator examinations scheduled to be administered at BFN during calendar years 2003 through 2006.

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If you have any questions concerning our request for NRC to prepare our examinations or our proposed examination schedules, please contact T. L. Chinn at (256) 729-3439.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

Enclosure
Operator Licensing Examination Data
(Data as defined on NRC Form 536)

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| FACILITY BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT | | | NRC REGION II | | | |
| A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE | | | | | | |
| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY-2003 | CY-2004 | CY-2005 | CY-2006 | | |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC PREPARED EXAMINATIONS | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS | | | | | | |
| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY-2003 | CY-2004 | CY-2005 | CY-2006 | | |
| NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS | 0 | 5 | 4 | 4 | | |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT | 0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | | |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | |
| NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| PROPOSED DATES | | | | | | |
| PRIMARY DATE | N/A | 4/26/04 | 8/1/05 | 12/11/06 | | |
| ALTERNATE DATE | N/A | 5/3/04 | 8/8/05 | 12/18/06 | | |
| C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE | | | | | | |
| PROPOSED NUMBER | CY-2003 | | | CY-2004 | | |
| | First | Second | Third | First | Second | Third |
| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES | 5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 6 | N/A |