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

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - COMMENTS TO NRC WRITTEN EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

Pursuant to the NRC Operator Licensing Examiner Standards (NUREG-1021), Examiner Standard (ES)-402, Attachment 3, TVA submits the attached comments on three questions administered during initial license examinations at BFN on December 13, 2002.

Enclosure 1 contains comments on questions 27, 44, and 50 in the Reactor Operator examination prepared by your staff. Also, these comments were provided in draft form to the NRC Chief Examiner, Mr. Edwin Lea.

If you have any questions, please telephone Terry L. Chinn at (256) 729-3439.

Sincerely

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