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SPECIFICATION REVISION FOR BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2
(TAC NO. MB6811)

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1496.

Sincerely,
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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
RELATED TO PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION REVISION
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2
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1. Please provide the rationale for changing the fuel bundles and the core loading pattern shown in Figure 2 of the submittals dated October 25, 2002, and December 20, 2002. Also, provide the reason for increasing the beginning of cycle shutdown margin, and describe the relationship between core loading design/bundle design and increasing the beginning of cycle shutdown margin.

2. Please provide your justification that the analysis performed for Unit 2, Cycle 13, single loop operation (SLO) as shown in Table 2 of Enclosure 2, which only provides the results of one case at the beginning of the cycle, is sufficient. Also, describe the impact on the safety limit minimum critical power ratio value for SLO due to end-of-cycle penalty of top-peak power shape.

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