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Withdraw Watts Bar Nuclear Plant - Petition Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 - Reactor Coolant System Stainless Steel Cladding Defects Demand for Information

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Dr. Willam D. Travers, Executive Director for Operations
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SUBJECT: Offer to Withdraw Watts Bar Nuclear Plant – Petition Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 – Reactor Coolant System Stainless Steel Cladding Defects Demand for Information

Dear Dr. Travers:

By letter dated May 30, 2003, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) petitioned the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to take enforcement action against the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the licensee for the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. UCS sought enforcement action in the form of a Demand for Information (DFI) that would require TVA to provide the NRC with information about possible corrosion of the reactor coolant pressure boundary (RCPB) at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant due to defects in the stainless steel cladding applied to the interior surface of the carbon steel reactor pressure vessel.

By letter dated July 30, 2003, TVA responded to the NRC with answers to the questions posed by UCS in our petition. TVA copied UCS on their response. UCS has reviewed the information provided by TVA in their July 30th letter and find it fully responsive. In fact, TVA provided relevant information on the subject beyond the scope of the questions.

Accordingly, the DFI is no longer necessary. If the NRC process permits it, we withdraw the petition as its requested actions are moot. Alternatively, the NRC could summarily deny the petition and we waive our rights to review and comment on the proposed Director's Decision.

Sincerely,

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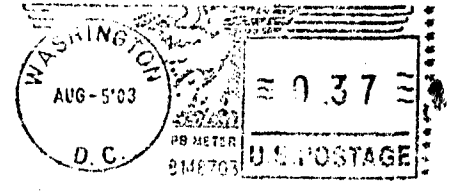

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