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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of	)	Docket Nos. 50-327
Tennessee Valley Authority	)	50-328

SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT (SQN) - UNITS 1 AND 2 - CONSENT TO CONFIRMATORY ORDER MODIFYING LICENSE (TAC NOS. M85604 AND M85605)

Your letter to J. A. Scalice on the above subject dated April 29, 1998, requested my consent to an Order confirming SQN's commitment to resolution of the Thermo-Lag 330-1 fire barrier issue. By consenting to issuance of the Order, you state that TVA is waiving its right to request a hearing on all or any part of the Order.

We remain committed to the completion of Thermo-Lag 330-1 fire barrier corrective actions. Our letter dated June 25, 1997, described the actions we would take to resolve Thermo-Lag issues, and reaffirmed our commitment to do so by June 30, 1999.

In your April 29, 1998 letter, you referenced our meeting with NRC on May 30, 1997, and the associated material we presented at that meeting as the basis for our implementation of the Thermo-Lag corrective actions. The handout material

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presented at this meeting was also explicitly referenced in the NRC proposed Order. As we have discussed with the NRC Project Manager, this meeting presentation contained numerous references to ongoing sub-activities associated with Thermo-Lag corrective actions, as well as detailed sub-activity schedules, which were dynamic in nature and not intended to be relied upon as detailed commitments. As such, we do not believe it would be appropriate to reference this handout material as containing the commitments necessary to close out our Thermo-Lag corrective actions. Accordingly, we believe that the corrective actions described in our letter of June 25, 1997, more adequately describe, in an appropriate level of detail, those actions necessary to resolve Thermo-Lag issues. Importantly, we remain committed to complete walkdowns, evaluations, and upgrades by June 30, 1999.

Accordingly, I have executed and enclosed a revised Consent to a Confirmatory Order, which references the corrective actions described in our June 25, 1997, letter. This matter has been coordinated with the NRC Project Manager, who agrees with the change.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (423) 843-7001 or Pedro Salas at (423) 843-7170.

Sincerely,

M. Bajestani

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT (SQN)
UNITS 1 AND 2

CONSENT TO CONFIRMATORY ORDER MODIFYING LICENSE
(TAC NOS. M85604 AND M85605)

I, Masoud Bajestani, Site Vice President, Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, hereby agree on behalf of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) that TVA will comply with the following commitment:

> The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) shall complete final implementation of Thermo-Lag 330-1 fire barrier corrective actions at the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, as described in the TVA submittal dated June 25, 1997. Walkdowns, evaluations, and upgrades will be completed by June 30, 1999.

TVA also agrees to incorporating this commitment into a Confirmatory Order Modifying License (Order) that will be effective immediately upon issuance. I recognize that by signing below, TVA consents to the issuance of an immediately effective Order incorporating the above commitment for each Sequoyah unit and, by doing so, pursuant to 10CFR2.202(a)(3), TVA will not have a right to request a hearing on all or any part of this Order.

M. Bajestani — 5/13/98

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Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2
Tennessee Valley Authority

Date