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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL PLANT-SPECIFIC
SUPPLEMENT 21 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT (GEIS) REGARDING LICENSE RENEWAL FOR BROWNS
FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 (TAC NOS. MC1768, MC1769,
AND MC1770)

Dear Mr. Singer:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the final plant-specific Supplement 21 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (GEIS), regarding the renewal of operating licenses DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-68 for an additional 20 years of operation at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2 and 3 (BFN). Enclosed is a copy of the final report and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the final report is publicly available at the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>; the accession number for the final Supplement 21 to the GEIS is ML051730443. In addition, the Athens-Limestone Public Library, 405 East South Street, Athens, Alabama, has agreed to make the final Supplement 21 available for public inspection.

As discussed in Section 9.3 of this report, the staff recommends that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3, are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers would be unreasonable. This recommendation is based on: (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS; (2) the Environmental Report submitted by Tennessee Valley Authority; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of public comments.

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A separate notice of filing of the final environmental impact statement will be placed in the *Federal Register* by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Environmental Project Manager, Dr. Michael Masnik, at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1191 or by email at MTM2@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,
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Docket Nos.: 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296

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BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENT 21 TO THE GENERIC

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE LICENSE RENEWAL OF

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has published a final plant-specific supplement to the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating licenses DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-68 for an additional 20 years of operation at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, 2 and 3 (BFN). BFN is located in Limestone County, Alabama, 16 km (10 mi) southwest of Athens, Alabama. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources. As discussed in Section 9.3 of the final Supplement 21, based on (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS, (2) the TVA Environmental Report; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of public comments, the recommendation of the staff is that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Units 1, 2, and 3 at BFN are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy-planning decision makers would be unreasonable.

The final Supplement 21 to the GEIS is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The accession number for the final Supplement 21 to the GEIS is ML051730443. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov. In addition, the Athens-Limestone Public Library, 405 East South Street, Athens, Alabama, has agreed to make the final plant-specific supplement to the GEIS available for public inspection.

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