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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of the Application of) Docket Nos. 50-390
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-391

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) UNITS 1 AND 2 - DELAYED SUBMITTALS

In a telephone conversation with NRC's Ken Barr on June 2, 1988, delay of four submittals to June 14, 1988, was discussed. Mr. Barr requested that the basis for extension of these submittals be documented formally. Subsequently, in telephone conversations with NRC's Steve Elrod on July 6 and July 11, 1988, delay of two additional submittals to July 9, 1988, and one submittal to August 9, 1988, was discussed. Mr. Elrod requested that the basis for extension of these submittals be included in the letter requested by Mr. Barr. This letter responds to these requests. The specific submittals extended were responses to inspection reports 390, 391/88-01; 390, 391/87-07; 390, 391/87-13; 390, 391/87-19; and 10 CFR 50.55(e) reports for Construction Deficiency Reports (CDRs) 390/87-18 and 391/87-21; 390/86-16 and 391/86-34; and 390/86-66 and 391/86-60.

One of the submittals, the response to three violations in NRC Inspection Report 390, 391/87-19, was extended for TVA to adequately determine the extent of the problem with assigning weld procedures described in violation 391/87-19-03.

The other six submittals were delayed as a result of the site and corporate management review and approval cycle developed in an effort to improve the quality of TVA licensing submittals. To improve the timeliness of submittals to NRC, TVA has increased the management attention devoted to the preparation, review, and release of submittals. This is being accomplished through weekly corrective action and commitment status meetings, a WBN manager designated by the site director to expedite the completion of corrective actions and commitments, and additional qualified reviewers for approving the release of letters.

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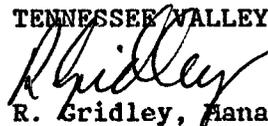
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Very truly yours,

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