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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) - NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS.
390, 391/92-41; 390, 391/93-03; AND 390, 391/93-04 - CHANGE TO
PREVIOUS COMMITMENT

The purpose of this letter is to describe a change in TVA's commitments related to the use of advance authorized field requested design changes (AA F-DCNs) made in response to the subject inspection reports (Violations 390/92-41-01, 390/93-03-01, and 390, 391/93-04-01).

The advanced authorization (AA) process allows immediate implementation of field identified design changes/corrections (at risk) with subsequent design reviews/approvals. In response to the subject violations, TVA had prohibited the use of AAs at WBN for changes of a functional nature, e.g., changes affecting system/component logic, function, performance, wire termination points, operation, protective device ratings, or configuration changes. These restrictions had been made due to the difficulty of controlling and coordinating AA FDCNs between various departments, especially with Startup and Test during conditions of heavy preoperational testing during late 1992 and early 1993.

However, as discussed with WBN Senior Resident Inspectors Mr. Glenn Walton, and Mr. Kim Van Doorn on September 1, 1995, WBN has now removed these restrictions on the use of AA FDCNs for completion of remaining systems and for normal plant operation. With the preoperational test program essentially complete, the conditions which existed during the early 1993 period are substantially reduced making the imposed limitations unnecessary. With only System 90 (Radiation Monitoring) remaining to be tested

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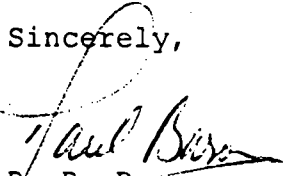
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and turned over to the plant, adequate control can be maintained to ensure proper coordination of AA F-DCNs on this system with the Startup and Test Department. Further, this process provides flexibility needed in an operational environment and is similar to the processes in place at Sequoyah and Browns Ferry Nuclear Plants. TVA has established procedure controls to implement this process including Site Engineering approval, unless otherwise delegated, of functional changes made by AA F-DCNs.

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