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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of the Application of ) Tennessee Valley Authority )

Docket Nos. 50-390 50-391

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) - UNITS 1 AND 2 - NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 390, 391/93-66, INSPECTION OF THE 75 PERCENT MILESTONE OF THE DESIGN BASELINE VERIFICATION PROGRAM (DBVP) CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM (CAP)

TVA's letter dated December 10, 1993 provided a response to Notice of Violation 390/93-66-01 and 390/93-66-02. NRC's letter dated January 26, 1994 requested additional information regarding the proposed corrective actions. This letter documents the actions being taken to address NRC's concerns.

TVA has initiated further assessments of the specific examples of the Notices of Violation to determine whether the initial extent of condition reviews were comprehensive. Completion of these assessments will establish whether additional corrective steps are warranted. It is anticipated that the assessments will be completed around mid-March. Therefore, by March 25, 1994, either a response will be submitted documenting the results of the assessments or a meeting schedule will be coordinated with the Region II staff to discuss the assessments and proposed corrective actions.

TVA would like to take this opportunity to correct an apparent misunderstanding of the staff regarding the reasons for not initially commencing a broad based reassessment for similar deficiencies. In the December 10, 1993 letter, TVA intended to indicate that previous TVA and NRC reviews of the subject areas, in conjunction with a thorough Preoperational Testing Program, gave confidence that safety significant configuration

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control issues had been or would be identified. TVA did not intend to suggest that additional evaluations were unwarranted because "TVA resources are needed for the testing activities required for plant licensing" as stated in the NRC letter dated January 26, 1994. TVA regrets that the response did not provide a more complete discussion in this area.

The schedule suggested above for the completion of the assessments provides the time required to ensure thorough assessments are performed. However, should this schedule be unacceptable, or if there are questions regarding the proposed actions, please telephone P. L. Pace at (615) 365-1824.

Very truly yours,

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