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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

In the Matter of Tennessee Valley Authority
Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-390A and 50-391A

Dear Mr. Saunders:

On August 23, 1971, Bertram H. Schur, Associate General Counsel, forwarded to the Attorney General, for his antitrust review pursuant to Section 105.c. of the Atomic Energy Act as amended, an application filed by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for permits to construct the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2.

Mr. Schur stated in his transmittal letter that Mr. James E. Watson, TVA's Manager of Power, had advised the AEC that the antitrust laws are not applicable to TVA, and, in view thereof, it was not necessary for TVA to respond to the list of questions submitted by the Attorney General as part of the Section 105.c. antitrust review.

Some time ago you informed us that it was doubtful that the Department of Justice would be able to render antitrust advice on TVA's application if the information requested by the Attorney General were not made available to the Department by TVA.

The 180 days provided by statute for antitrust review in this matter expired February 25, 1972, and we have not yet received advice from the Attorney General. Accordingly, we would like to be advised as soon as possible of the current status of your review of TVA's application so that we can determine what further action is required.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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