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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of ) Docket No. 50-390  
Tennessee Valley Authority )

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) - UNIT 1 - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION  
CHANGE 96-021, ONLINE TESTING OF THE DIESEL GENERATORS - RESPONSE  
TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TVA's letter dated April 21, 1998, responded to NRC's request for additional information (RAI) dated October 29, 1997. The RAI was based on NRC's initial review of TVA's letter dated June 5, 1997. The June 5 letter requested approval of Technical Specification changes for the testing of the diesel generators (DGs) and the DG battery system while WBN Unit 1 was in Modes 1, 2, 3, or 4.

Based on NRC's review of TVA's April 21 letter, NRC requested in a teleconference on June 26, 1998, additional changes to the Technical Specification (TS) Bases for Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.8.1.14. Specifically, NRC requested that the basis for a series of procedure changes to be made in relation to the online testing of the diesel generator, be discussed in the TS Bases.

Provided in Enclosure 1 is a set of marked-up and revised pages of the TS Bases which incorporates the requested information. Please note that a revision bar has been used on the marked-up pages to distinguish the additional changes from those provided in TVA's original application of June 5, 1997.

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Regarding TVA's April 21, 1998, letter, a teleconference was held with NRC on July 24, 1998, in an effort to clarify TVA's response to Question 4 of NRC's letter dated October 29, 1997. Based on this teleconference, NRC requested that TVA formally submit the clarification for review by the staff. The required clarification is provided in Enclosure 2.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at  
(423) 365-1824.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. L. Pace". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "P" and a cursive "L. Pace" following it.

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Enclosures  
cc: See page 3

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