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cabinets, but are used in interposing relay applications. As stated in WCAP-13877, the type ARD relay is a member of the type AR relay family and the analysis can be applied to all type AR relays, with exceptions noted.

During a November 1998 telecon with NRC and Westinghouse, NRC Staff noted that additional failure information and plant-specific data were needed in order to complete their review of the ARD relays if used in the proposed amendment request for the surveillance extension. Although WBN plant-specific ARD relay application data is readily available, TVA has determined that the balance of information needed for the Staff's review will require collection and analysis of additional survey data from WOG utilities. Should TVA decide to pursue this with the other utilities, a separate licensing action will be initiated.

Therefore, TVA requests that the NRC withdraw the ARD relay from consideration in the proposed amendment request. TVA's proposed amendment request will continue to apply to Westinghouse type AR relays with AC coils used in both SSPS slave relay and interposing relay applications, but will not include any DC relay applications at this time. This revised scope has been reflected in markups of the original proposed text for Technical Specification Bases Surveillance Requirements (SR) 3.3.2.5 and SR 3.3.6.5, which also reflect the current revision level of WCAP-13877 (Revision 1, August 1998). These markups are provided in Enclosure 1. Enclosure 2 forwards the revised TS Bases pages which incorporate the marked-up information.

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ENCLOSURE 1

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN)
UNIT 1

REVISED PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION BASES
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II. MARKED-UP PAGES

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