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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of Tennessee Valley Authority)

Docket No. 50-390

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) UNIT 1 - GENERIC LETTER 88-20, SUPPLEMENTS 4 and 5 - INDIVIDUAL PLANT EXAMINATION OF EXTERNAL EVENTS (IPEEE) FOR SEVERE ACCIDENT VULNERABILITIES (TAC NO. M83693)

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the IPEEE for WBN as committed in TVA's letters January 20, 1994 and March 13, 1997.

The Enclosure provides the IPEEE Final Report. Attachments to the Enclosure provide the supporting documentation for the final report. Evaluations that were performed included a seismic margin assessment (SMA) for the seismic events, a Fire Induced Vulnerabilities Evaluation (FIVE) for the internal fires, and other external events outlined in NUREG-1407, "Procedural and Submittal Guidance for the Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities." The methodologies to perform those evaluations satisfied the NRC guidelines for performing the IPEEE.

A thorough investigation was performed for the IPEEE, consisting of system reviews, design basis reviews, walkdowns, and calculations. The reviews resulted in some maintenance and housekeeping activities and a recommendation to modify an Auxiliary Building tornado missile concrete canopy to provide additional protection. This recommendation was documented on a problem evaluation report and the modification has since been completed. No other vulnerabilities were found for any of the external events considered in this

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program. Therefore, no issues were found that would require mitigation through severe accident guidelines.

No commitments are identified in this letter. If you should have any questions, please contact P. L. Pace at (423) 365-1824.

Sincerely,

P. L. Pace

Site Licensing Manager

Enclosure

Subscribed and sworn to before

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