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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of the Application of) Docket Nos. 50-390 Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-391

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT (WBN) - UNITS 1 AND 2 - SLEEVE SEALING PROGRAM DEFICIENCIES - WBRD 50-390/87-13 AND WBRD 50-391/87-14 - REVISION TO CORRECTIVE ACTION COMMITMENT

The purpose of this letter is to notify the staff of a change in methodology for implementing a corrective action contained in Deficiency Report WBRD 50-390/87-13 and WBRD 50-391/87-14 dated August 9, 1989. The deficiency report concerned various deficiencies involving the sleeve sealing program for seismic Category I buildings at WBN.

In the report, TVA committed to conduct tests to determine the capabilities and limits of the sleeve-seal materials and seal configurations that were being installed. TVA has reconsidered the need to conduct a large series of tests. Instead, TVA has assembled a collection of acceptable tested configurations (including associated test reports) obtained from the seal manufacturer/installer. The acceptable configurations are documented in TVA drawings and provide a mechanism for tracing sleeve-seals to their qualifying test.

The acceptable configurations are based on fire and hydrostatic tests conducted by the seal manufacturers/suppliers. TVA considers that the test reports are adequate to establish the foundation for accepting the sleeve-seals. TVA has reviewed each test report in accordance with TVA design controls and determined that they provide adequate assurance that the sleeve-seals will perform properly in service.

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There are no new commitments contained in this submittal. If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. P. L. Pace at (615) 365-1824.

Sincerely,

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