

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37401

March 30, 1972

AIR MAIL

Mr. R. C. DeYoung
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Division of Reactor Licensing
United States Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, DC 20545

Dear Mr. DeYoung:

Regulatory

File Cy.

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

In accordance with your letter of March 24, 1972, the following information is provided in response to your questions:

1. Site preparation for Watts Bar Units 1 and 2 has not begun.
2. As stated in our response to item 1, no site preparation has been completed or is in progress.
3. Since we are not now conducting site preparation activities, item 3 is not applicable to Watts Bar Units 1 and 2.
4. TVA submitted the above application on May 18, 1971, and has anticipated that the AEC staff and ACRS review will be completed by summer and a construction permit issued early this fall. If this cannot be accomplished, there will be a delay in the start of construction and a subsequent delay in the commercial operation of the Watts Bar plant. This delay, coupled with other possible delays in licensing and/or construction of this and other new generating capacity, would result in a severe reduction in our reserve margin which would affect the reliability of the power supply in the TVA region and the interconnected power systems in the eastern United States. Consequently, if it appears that the above schedule cannot be met, TVA would plan to apply for an exemption for some construction activities as soon as the environmental review period for the Watts Bar plant is completed. The specific activities will be indicated when TVA makes the request.

Very truly yours,

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James E. Watson
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Manager of Power

