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Tennessee Valley Authority  
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Gentlemen:

We have received your letter of October 1, 1974, requesting a change in the submittal date of your evaluation of Anticipated Transients Without Scram (ATWS) for the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant from October 1, 1974 to January 1, 1975, "pending further consideration and clarification of this entire matter."

On October 1, 1974, we received the report to which you refer in your letter, "Westinghouse Anticipated Transients Without Trip Analysis" (WCAP-8330). We are presently evaluating the completeness and responsiveness of this report and will establish our review schedule in the very near future. Based on present information, your requested date of January 1, 1975 for submittal of the Watts Bar ATWS evaluation is acceptable.

In your letter, you also state that TVA has not been privileged to participate in the staff discussions with Westinghouse on this subject and, therefore, you are not aware of the present status of our review. There has been no intention on our part to limit TVA's participation in these discussions, in fact, summaries of the staff's discussions are available to the general public. In addition, it is the normal procedure for the NSSS vendor to keep its customer informed about progress in generic discussions of this type. However, in the future if you wish to participate in generic discussions involving one of your nuclear plants, you should make this desire known through the assigned Licensing Project Manager.

You mention in your letter that TVA believes ATWS should not be a design basis event for any of its nuclear plants based largely on the results contained in WASH-1400 (Draft). As you correctly note, it is not the present AEC policy to use this document as the basis for licensing decisions. Therefore, at the present time, no changes in the licensing position presented in WASH-1270 are contemplated.

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To the extent that your ATWS evaluation, now due no later than January 1, 1975, indicates the need for design changes to satisfy the licensing position of WASH-1270, we would expect those changes to be made unless there is sufficient basis presented by TVA for doing otherwise. In the interim, you should not foreclose the option to make any changes that might be required to the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant to satisfy the licensing position in WASH-1270.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Giambusso".

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