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Mr. H. G. Parris
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Dear Mr. Parris:

Subject: Schedule for Review of Technical Specifications for
the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2

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As discussed with your staff on April 19, 1982, the technical specifications for the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant are currently targeted to be at the "proof and review" stage by November 1982, due to the revised issuance date of the Watts Bar Safety Evaluation Report (SER). It is important to recognize however, that "proof and review" issuance is not an event that can be independently scheduled. It is highly dependent on the progress of the staff safety review and, among other factors, the thorough and prompt responsiveness of the applicant to the staff requests for information. Although the generic Standard Technical Specifications form a framework for the plant-specific technical specifications, there are many plant-specific parameters and other specifications requirements that are determined in the safety review process. Therefore, the attainment of the November 1982 date, or any other one, is dependent on these factors.

With this in mind, we will issue the "proof and review" copy of the specifications as soon as they are essentially finalized; that is, lacking resolution of only a few specifically-identified items. Following its issuance, further changes by either the applicant or the staff are greatly discouraged. Our experience has shown that specifications generally reach this stage of completion only about three months prior to completion of construction. Until approximately that time, the resolution of outstanding issues and other factors has a high probability of occasioning changes to the specifications. However, we agree with you that resolution of the specifications should proceed in parallel with the safety review, and we are prepared to work with you on this effort. Most of the specifications will be resolved in advance of the "proof and review" issuance and your staff will be continuously apprised of developments concerning the specifications.

As you are aware, the draft technical specifications for the Watts Bar Plant are currently based on Revision 4 of NUREG-0452, "Standard Technical Specifications for Westinghouse Pressurized Water Reactors". For your information, I am enclosing a copy of NRR Office Letter No. 38 which describes the procedures for making changes to technical specifications. The procedure described in Enclosure 2 of NRR Office Letter No. 38 is applicable to the Watts Bar draft technical specifications. In accordance with this procedure, the NRC staff will not require the Watts Bar draft

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technical specifications to be updated to the next revision of NUREG-0452, should it be issued prior to fuel load, except in matters of significant safety importance. These will be specifically approved in accordance with Enclosure 1 of Office Letter No. 38.

The staff has not yet received responses to our initial questions regarding the proposed technical specifications package. We request that your staff submit these responses as expeditiously as possible. Upon receipt and review by the NRC staff, an early meeting will be set up to discuss these items.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the project manager, T. J. Kenyon, at (301) 492-7266.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Robert L. Tedesco

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Enclosure:
MRR Office Letter No. 38

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As you are aware, the draft technical specifications for the Watts Bar Plant are currently based on Revision 4 of NUREG-0452, "Standard Technical Specifications for Westinghouse Pressurized Water Reactors". The NRC staff will not require the technical specifications to be updated to the next revision, should it be issued prior to fuel load, except in matters of significant safety importance.

The staff has not yet received responses to our initial questions regarding the technical specifications package. In order for us to meet the November 1982 date, we request your staff submit these responses as expeditiously as possible. Upon receipt and review by the NRC staff, a meeting will be set up to discuss these items in a time frame consistent with the revised schedule.

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