

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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April 26, 1982



Mr. Robert L. Tedesco
Assistant Director for Licensing
Division of Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Tedesco:

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

As previously discussed with both the NRC Watts Bar Licensing Project Manager and the technical specifications reviewer, TVA had developed an overall schedule for finalizing the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Technical Specifications. This included an April 26 and 27, 1982 meeting with NRC in Bethesda, Maryland. This meeting was scheduled to discuss each open issue with both the NRC technical specifications reviewer and the appropriate NRC technical branch reviewers in order to resolve (finalize) as many specifications as possible. This schedule was based on a late June early July completion of the technical specifications. This schedule would provide ample time for TVA to prepare the plant procedures (operating procedures, surveillance procedures, maintenance procedures, etc.) and to provide for adequate personnel training based on the finalized version of the technical specifications well ahead of the anticipated fuel load for Watts Bar.

Because of scheduling difficulties within the NRC, we agreed on April 7, to delay the meeting until May 4 and 5. Extensive preparation for this meeting by TVA and Westinghouse has already taken place (i.e., an internal TVA-Westinghouse meeting on April 8, 1982, expeditious review and preparation of response to 133 questions received informally from NRC, etc.).

Subsequent to our agreement to the dates for the delayed meeting, we were notified by the NRC Watts Bar Licensing Project Manager on April 19, 1982 that NRC is now unable to support this licensing effort. We were further told that the NRC "proof and review" of the Watts Bar technical specifications has been postponed to November 1982 at the earliest.

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We believe it is inconsistent to put forth an extensive effort to resolve open issues in the SER while, at the same time, postponing the resolution of open issues on the technical specifications. Both activities are an integral part of the licensing effort for Watts Bar.

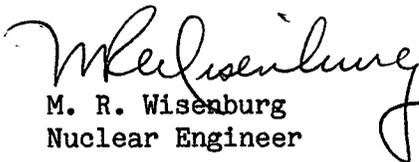
Because of the distinct advantages of an early completion of the technical specifications, we request that you reevaluate your November schedule for "proof and review" of the Watts Bar Technical Specifications.

We are ready to meet on this issue now, and would be pleased to come to Bethesda at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch with R. H. Shell at FTS 858-2688.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY


M. R. Wisenburg
Nuclear Engineer

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 26th day of April 1982.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires 9-5-84

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