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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) - UNIT 1 SNUBBER VERIFICATION PROGRAM

This letter provides a response to an NRC Region II inquiry on how TVA at WBN is going to ensure that the snubbers required for Unit 1 operation will function properly after being idle in a plant under construction for several years.

TVA plans to perform visual inspections and functional testing of all safety-related snubbers required for Unit 1 operation before fuel load. Functional testing is scheduled to begin in March 1991, and visual inspections are scheduled to begin in June 1991. This will include snubbers installed during the Hanger Analysis and Update Program and those previously inspected during preservice inspections.

Surveillance instructions for visual inspection and functional testing during plant operation will be used to verify operability. Snubbers which fail the visual or functional testing acceptance criteria will be repaired or replaced. The preservice inspection data base will be updated to reflect any repairs or replacement.

Conducting these inspections and tests just before fuel load provides additional confidence that the snubbers will function properly during operation as required.

If there are any questions, please telephone P. L. Pace at (615) 365-1824.

Very truly yours,

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LIST OF COMMITMENTS

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