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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

OFFICE OF INSPECTION ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN 79-27 - RII:JPO 50-259,  
-260, -296, -327, -390 - BROWNS FERRY, SEQUOYAH UNIT 1, AND  
WATTS BAR UNIT 1 NUCLEAR PLANTS

Your letter to H. G. Parris dated November 30, 1979, which forwarded the above referenced bulletin to us for action, was officially received in our office on December 3, 1979. Based on that date and the requested response time of 90 days, our response is due to you today, February 29, 1980. However, because of the magnitude of effort involved, we find that we are unable to respond within the requested time.

We have assessed the present status of our response to OIE Bulletin 79-27 and find that we will require an additional six weeks to prepare our official response. This extension of time is needed to allow for a coordinated internal-TVA review of the information now in draft form and for further development of that information. Some problems encountered were the identification of the specific equipment within the systems needed for cold shutdown and the time required to identify the corresponding shutdown board and associated power supply to those boards.

We now plan to submit a response to OIE Bulletin 79-27 by April 11, 1980. If you have any questions, please call Jim Domer at FTS 854-2014.

Very truly yours,

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