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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

In the Matter of)
Tennessee Valley Authority)

Docket Nos. 50-259 50-327
50-296 50-390
50-328 50-391
50-260

**BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) UNITS 1, 2 AND 3, SEQUOYAH
NUCLEAR PLANT (SQN) UNITS 1 AND 2, AND WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT
(WBN) UNITS 1 AND 2 - ONE MONTH EXTENSION REQUEST TO REPLY TO
GENERIC LETTER (GL) 2008-01: MANAGING GAS ACCUMULATION IN
EMERGENCY CORE COOLING, DECAY HEAT REMOVAL, AND CONTAINMENT
SPRAY SYSTEMS**

The purpose of this letter is to request a one month extension to the subject generic letter with respect to the alternative GL 2008-01 "3 month response" milestone.

NRC provided the "3 month response" option in GL 2008-01 by stating that if licensees cannot meet the requested "9 month response" date (due October 11, 2008), they shall provide a response within 3 months that describes the alternative course of action, including the basis for acceptability.

TVA believes a one month extension to the alternative 3 month response is necessary in order to further evaluate the scope and/or need for piping walkdowns to support gas void evaluations. If walkdowns inside containment are necessary to establish a design basis relative to gas voids, then TVA may need to schedule some walkdowns during the first refueling outage after fall of 2008 for some of our operating units. These walkdowns would exceed the "9 month response" milestone; however, TVA has not made a final decision to go beyond the October 11, 2008 completion date.

This letter and extension were discussed among TVA and NRC's Staff members (Brendan Moroney and Jerry Wermiel) by telephone on April 7, 2008.

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Please direct any questions to Rob Brown at (423) 751-7228.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on the 10 day of April, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Purcell", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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