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Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260,
50-296, 50-327
50-328, 50-390
50-391, 50-438
and 50-439

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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 90-03 (TAC NOS. 76210, 76211, 76212,
76292, 76293, 76312, AND 76313), (MPA LO-03) - BROWNS FERRY, SEQUOYAH,
WATT'S BAR, AND BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANTS

On March 20, 1990, the NRC issued Generic Letter (GL) 90-03, "Relaxation of Staff Position in Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2, Part 2, 'Vendor Interface for Safety-Related Components.'" The GL requested that all licensees and applicants review their present vendor interface programs and modify them as necessary using the guidance supplied in the GL.

By letter dated August 24, 1990, you responded to GL 90-03 for Browns Ferry, Sequoyah and Watts Bar. In that letter you stated that the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has reviewed its existing vendor interface programs for these plants against the guidance in the GL and concluded that it has a program that meets the two elements of the GL. This program is described in your letters dated February 7 and August 24, 1990. The February 7, 1990 letter stated that the corporate standard which describes TVA's vendor manual control program will incorporate the guidance in NUTAC/VETIP (INPO 84-010). The enclosure to the August 24, 1990 letter describes TVA's contacts with the nuclear steam supply system (NSSS) vendor for safety-related components within the NSSS scope of supply, and with other vendors of key safety-related components. You stated that this program centers around the Nuclear Experience Review (NER) and Vendor Manual Programs. The corresponding corporate standard for the NER Program has been implemented. The corresponding standard for the Vendor Manual Program has been issued and is currently scheduled to be implemented on September 28, 1990, for Browns Ferry and Sequoyah, and on November 27, 1990 for Watts Bar.

The staff has reviewed your responses to GL 90-03 for Browns Ferry, Sequoyah and Watts Bar. The staff concludes that the site vendor interface programs being implemented will meet the guidance given in the GL and are, therefore, acceptable. This closes out the licensing review associated with TAC Nos. 76210, 76211, 76212, 76292, 76293, 76312, and 76313.

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In the August 24, 1990 response to GL 90-03, you did not address Bellefonte Nuclear Plant which is still under construction. Within 60 days of receipt of this letter, please provide your response to GL 90-03 for this plant.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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