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NRC BULLETIN NO. 88-01: DEFECTS IN WESTINGHOUSE CIRCUIT BREAKERS

- References:
1. TVA letter to NRC dated February 27, 1988, "Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN) - NRC Bulletin Number 88-01: Defects in Westinghouse Circuit Breakers"
 2. TVA letter to NRC dated March 18, 1988, "SQN - NRC Bulletin No. 88-01 Schedule Update"

The references were previously submitted during restart activities at SQN and comprise TVA's response to the subject bulletin for SQN. TVA has completed a review of NRC Bulletin No. 88-01, Defects in Westinghouse Circuit Breakers, for the other sites. The following is a summary of that review. The enclosure identifies the commitments made by TVA.

Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) has no Westinghouse circuit breakers of the type identified by NRC Bulletin No. 88-01. Therefore, NRC Bulletin No. 88-01 is not applicable to BFN.

NRC Bulletin 88-01 is applicable to Watts Bar (WBN) and Bellefonte (BLN) Nuclear Plants. Each applicable Class 1E circuit breaker will be identified and an inspection program will be established in maintenance instructions based on the recommendations outlined in NRC Bulletin No. 88-01. Inspection of all applicable Class 1E circuit breakers will be completed at least six months before fuel loading of each unit.

The letters of confirmation will be submitted to NRC within 30 days after completion of the inspections as required on the bulletin.

A seven-day extension of the reporting period to April 15, 1988, was discussed with Darl S. Hood on April 11, 1988.

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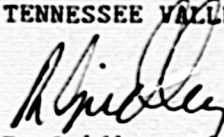
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Very truly yours,

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LIST OF COMMITMENTS

1. WBN and BLN will complete the inspection of all applicable Class 1E circuit breakers at least six months before fuel loading.
2. WBN and BLN will establish an inspection program in maintenance instructions based on the recommendations outlined in NRC Bulletin 88-01.
3. WBN and BLN will submit the letters of confirmation to NRC within 30 days after completion of the inspections as required by the bulletin.