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December 16, 1986

Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

In the Matter of the Application of) Docket Nos. 50-390
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-391

It is our understanding from our conversations at Watts Bar during the week of December 8, 1986, that there needs to be some clarification of our December 5, 1986 responses to some of the questions on the TVA weld program review at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant.

We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss the responses further if necessary. However, we believe three of the responses need immediate clarification, and the following information is provided to help clarify our responses to Questions 1, 3, and 14.

Question 1: Members of your staff felt that all groups were not addressed in our attachments to the Question 1 response. We have reviewed our attachments and agree that they can be confusing. We will contact the appropriate members of your staff to identify where their specific concerns are answered or determine what additional information is required.

Question 3: The WEP assessment to a "95/95" sampling method is only one of the activities TVA will perform to assure that Watts Bar unit 1 meets its welding commitments. We would like to maintain our dialogue on this matter to assure that all our planned activities are known and understood.

Question 14: Please correct the first paragraph to read "It is TVA's position that the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant shall meet our commitments to ASME Section III for construction. For each deviation from Section III, TVA will identify the deviation, evaluate the deviation, provide the basis for acceptance or any corrective action, and submit the findings for staff review and approval."

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On the eighth line of the third paragraph, it needs to be clarified that the phrase in parentheses, "(except for piping/components that are not isolable from the primary loops and steam generator secondary side)," only applies to "pressure testing" and does not apply to the fabrication, inspection, and installation.

We will schedule a meeting with the NRC welding project manager to discuss any remaining questions NRC might have on our responses.

Very truly yours,

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