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July 22, 1998

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of)
Tennessee Valley Authority)

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

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1, 2, AND 3, SEQUOYAH
NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2, AND WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT
UNIT 1, RESPONSE TO NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)
GENERIC LETTER (GL) 98-01, "YEAR 2000 READINESS OF COMPUTER
SYSTEMS AT NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS," DATED MAY 11, 1998

This letter responds to the NRC's request for information
regarding Year 2000 Readiness of Computer Systems at Nuclear
Power Plants. GL 98-01 requires two responses. The first
response is required by August 10, 1998, and the second
response by July 1, 1999. This letter provides the first
response.

TVA has pursued, and is continuing to pursue, a Year 2000
Readiness Program similar to that outlined in Nuclear Energy
Institute/Nuclear Utilities Software Management Group
97-07, "Nuclear Utility Year 2000 Readiness." The program
addresses potential Year 2000 readiness problems that impact
safety-related and other systems required by nuclear power
plant licenses or NRC regulations. The scope of the
facility program includes identifying and, where
appropriate, remediating embedded systems. The program
provides for risk management efforts and the development of
contingency plans prior to critical dates.

No later than July 1, 1999, each TVA operating plant will
provide written confirmation in accordance with GL 98-01
indicating that its facility is Year 2000 ready, or when it
will be year 2000 ready.

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A regulatory commitment made in this letter is provided in the enclosure. If you have questions regarding this response, please contact R. M. Brown at (423) 751-6673.

Sincerely,

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 22nd day of July 1998

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires 3/7/2001

Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

Commitment

No later than July 1, 1999, each TVA operating plant will provide written confirmation in accordance with Generic Letter 98-01 indicating that its facility is year 2000 ready, or when it will be year 2000 ready.