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In the Matter of
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
(Bellefonte Nuclear Power Plant, Units 3 and 4)
Docket Nos. 52-014 and 52-015

Dear Administrative Judges:

In its Memorandum and Order (Ruling on Standing and Contentions),[1] the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board directed the NRC staff to provide a written estimate of its projected schedule for completion of its safety and environmental evaluations. The requested schedule is set forth below.

Environmental Review

1. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is scheduled to be issued on March 6, 2009.
2. The Final Environmental Impact Statement is scheduled to be completed in January, 2010.

[1] *Tennessee Valley Authority* (Bellefonte Nuclear Power Plant Units 3 and 4), LBP-08-16, 67 NRC __ (slip op. at 76) (September 12, 2008).

Safety Review

1. The Safety Evaluation Report (SER) with Open Items is scheduled to be completed on September 22, 2009.

2. The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) is scheduled to complete its review of the SER with Open Items on February 8, 2010.

3. The Advanced SER with no Open Items is scheduled to be issued in September, 2010.

4. The ACRS review of the Advanced SER with no Open Items is scheduled to be completed in January, 2011.

5. The Final SER is scheduled to be completed in March, 2011.

Please note that the above dates are still tentative. Further, as stated in a July 17, 2008, letter to the Applicant (ML081910814), the NRC staff is currently reevaluating the schedule for the hydrology portion of the SER, and this portion is likely to be delayed eight to twelve months. The NRC staff plans on providing the Applicant a revised schedule in December, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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