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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of the Tennessee Valley Authority) Docket Nos. 50-327 50 - 32850-390 50-391 50-438 50-439

LOSS OF RESIDUAL HEAT REMOVAL (RHR) WHILE THE REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM (RCS) IS PARTIALLY FILLED (GENERIC LETTER 87-12)

Enclosed is TVA's response to the subject generic letter for Sequoyah (SQN). Watts Bar (WBN), and Bellefonte (BLN) Nuclear Plants. This response provides a discussion on the operation, or planned operation, of these plants during a partially filled RCS condition. The discussion is provided for information only and none of the information should be regarded as commitments. Since the generic letter was addressed to PWRs only, it is not applicable to Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant.

Based on our review and the enclosed information, our operating license and construction permits should not be modified, suspended, or revoked.

Please note that a short extension to the 60-day response schedule was coordinated with the appropriate NRC Project Managers.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please telephone M. K. Brandon at (615) 751-8076.

Very truly yours.

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R. Gridley, Director Nuclear Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

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