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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 a June 4, 2009 Memorandum and Order, the Licensing Board ("Board") requested that the NRC staff ("Staff") provide the Board with the schedule for its chapter by chapter issuance of the Safety Evaluation Report ("SER") with open items, including an enumeration of any SER chapters, in addition to the hydrology evaluation, that are not covered by this schedule.

The preliminary schedule for the issuance of the Bellefonte SER with open items is based on supporting the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards ("ACRS") AP1000 Subcommittee meetings that have been arranged through the end of the year. The schedule below provides the dates for the ACRS AP1000 Subcommittee meetings and the chapters with open items to be discussed at each meeting. The Staff intends to provide the chapter that is to

be discussed at the ACRS AP1000 Subcommittee meeting one month prior to the meeting to allow time for the ACRS members to review the SER with open items before the meeting.

In addition to the hydrology evaluation in Chapter 2, portions of Chapters 13 and 19 are not covered by the schedule. Chapter 13 will not include an evaluation of the Applicant's physical security plan, cyber security plan, or fitness for duty program. Chapter 19 will not include an evaluation of mitigative strategies for loss of large areas of the plant due to explosions or fire. The Staff intends to provide its evaluation of these changes in the Advanced SER with no open items.

The hydrology evaluation and the reviews associated with Chapters 13 and 19 may impact other SER chapters, potentially requiring the Staff to adjust previously issued chapters. While the Staff anticipates presenting the chapters according to the schedule outlined below, it is possible that some chapters may be moved from one ACRS meeting to another.

Preliminary Schedule for Bellefonte SER with Open Items Chapters¹

(Proposed ACRS AP1000 Subcommittee Meeting Dates and Open Items Chapters)

- July 23-24, 2009: Chapters 1, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 19.
- October 6-7, 2009: Chapters 2, 7, 8, 13 and 18.
- November 19-20, 2009: Chapters 6, 9, and 15.
- February 2010: Chapter 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The subject of each chapter in the Staff's SER generally corresponds with the subject of each chapter in NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants."

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