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Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, DPR-68
NRC Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296

Subject: **Response To NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2009-11,
Preparation And Scheduling Of Operator Licensing Examinations**

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2009-11, "Preparation and
Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated July 16, 2009

This letter responds to the referenced NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) dated July 16, 2009. In the RIS, the NRC requested specific information related to: (A) the proposed operator examination preparation schedule for the number of examinations that need to be prepared during calendar years (CY) 2010 through 2013, (B) schedule for initial operator license examinations, including the number of applicants to be tested and the proposed primary and alternate dates of the examinations, through CY 2013, and (C) proposed generic fundamentals examination (GFE) schedule, including the number of candidates that plan to take the GFE in CY 2010 and CY 2011.

Enclosed is a completed NRC Form 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data, which provides the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant's current schedule for the specific information requested in the RIS. In calendar year 2011, TVA plans to conduct two initial operator examinations. TVA also plans to prepare the written examinations during calendar years 2010 through 2013.

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There are no regulatory commitments associated with this submittal. If you have any questions concerning these schedules for the operator written examinations or the proposed examination schedules, please contact B. P. Stetson at (256) 729-7039.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. M. Krich', with a stylized flourish at the end.

R. M. Krich
Vice President
Nuclear Licensing

Enclosure: NRC Form 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data (2 pages)
cc (Enclosure):

Regional Administrator – Region II

NRR Project Manager – Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

ENCLOSURE

**TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN)
UNITS 1, 2, AND 3**

**RESPONSE TO NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2009-11,
PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING OF OPERATOR
LICENSING EXAMINATIONS**

(SEE ATTACHED)

**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to infocollects@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

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NRC REGION

Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

NRC Region II

A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>10</u>	CY <u>11</u>	CY <u>11</u>	CY <u>12</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	2	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>10</u>	CY <u>11</u>	CY <u>11</u>	CY <u>12</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	3	10	10	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	7	6	6	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2	4	3	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	05/03/2010	02/07/2011	08/08/2011	03/12/2012
ALTERNATE DATE	06/03/2010	03/07/2011	09/12/2011	04/16/2012

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>10</u>				CY <u>11</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	16	0	0	14	0	0	0	14

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>13</u>	CY ____	CY ____	CY ____
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1			
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0			

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>13</u>	CY ____	CY ____	CY ____
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	5			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0			
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	03/11/2013			
ALTERNATE DATE	04/08/2013			

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY ____				CY ____			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES								