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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 - WITHDRAWAL OF
AN AMENDMENT REQUEST CONCERNING EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY
DIESEL GENERATOR ALLOWED OUT OF SERVICE TIME
(TAC NOS. ME1515, ME1516, AND ME1517)

Dear Mr. Swafford:

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The purpose of this letter is to advise that the above-cited application is being treated as withdrawn. Should you decide to resubmit, it is expected that the submittal should include a safety basis that justifies the requested extension to 14 days, taking into account the cumulative effect of having each of the EDGs out of service. A complete schedule should be provided of the planned outages for all EDGs during the maintenance activities, including, how much time will be provided between outage of one EDG to another. Additional information needs and considerations were identified in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's letters to TVA dated August 17, 2006, and July 10, 2009, and should be addressed as appropriate.

No Notice of Consideration of Issuance of the proposed amendment has been published in the *Federal Register*.

Sincerely,

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