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November 3, 2009

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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1 – WITHDRAWAL OF AMENDMENT
REQUEST REVISING TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION SECTION 2.1.1.2 RELATED
TO CYCLE 8 SAFETY LIMIT MINIMUM CRITICAL POWER RATIO
(TAC NO. MD9255) (TS-446)

Dear Mr. Swafford:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge the October 23, 2009, letter from Tennessee Valley Authority that withdrew a request for Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approval of an application for an amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-33 for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 1. Your application dated July 18, 2008, as supplemented by letter dated December 5, 2008, requested changes to the Cycle 8 safety limit minimum critical power ratio (SLMCPR) value for Unit 1. Specifically, the change would have lowered the numeric values of SLMCPR in Technical Specification Section 2.1.1.2 for one and two reactor recirculation loop operation to incorporate the results of the Unit 1 Cycle 8 SLMCPR analysis.

The NRC staff has terminated its review of the proposed change and TAC No. MD9255 has been closed. The Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-2315.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-259

Enclosure:
Notice of Withdrawal

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 50-259

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee) to withdraw its application dated July 18, 2008, as supplemented by letter dated December 5, 2008, for proposed amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-33 for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, located in Limestone County, Alabama.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications (TS) to lower the numeric values of safety limit minimum critical power ratio (SLMCPR) in TS Section 2.1.1.2 for single and two reactor recirculation loop operation to incorporate the results of the Unit 1 Cycle 8 SLMCPR analysis.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on November 18, 2008 (73 FR 68456). However, by letter dated October 23, 2009, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated July 18, 2008, as supplemented by letter dated December 5, 2008, and the licensee's letter dated October 23, 2009, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland.

Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd. day of November 2009.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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