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MAR 10 1976

Mr. J. E. Gilleland
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 Tennessee Valley Authority
 Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401

Dear Mr. Gilleland:

This is in response to your letter dated January 9, 1976 to Mr. B. Rusche requesting that Condition 3.D.(3) of the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant construction permit (Nos. CPPR-122 and CPPR-123) be deleted.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff's Final Environmental Statement for the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, which contained Condition 3.D.(3) as a staff recommendation, was issued in June 1974. The environmental portion of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's (ASLB) hearing was held in July 1974. Based on the information available to the NRC staff and the ASLB, it was concluded that Condition 3.D.(3) was practical to implement and was accordingly made part of the construction permit. It is not evident from your January 9 letter that any new circumstances have arisen which would make the condition any more impractical now than it was in 1974. In the absence of such circumstances, we find no basis for modifying the construction permit for the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant at this time.

However, your letter does suggest that TVA may now be in possession of substantial information of the type required to resolve the issues addressed by Condition 3.D.(3). Accordingly, we recommend that TVA submit to the NRC the information now in hand concerning the results of pertinent studies and outside consultations associated with impacts and costs of alternative transmission line clearing techniques. Upon receipt of this information, the NRC staff will endeavor to promptly determine if, and to what extent, TVA has satisfied the requirements of Condition 3.D.(3) of CPPR-122 and CPPR-123.

Sincerely,

Original signed by W. H. Regan, Jr.

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