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Regulatory Docket File

February 21, 1974



Mr. A. Giambusso
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Dear Mr. Giambusso:

In the Matter of Applications) Docket Nos. 50-438
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-439

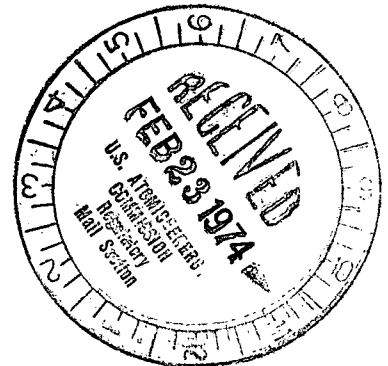
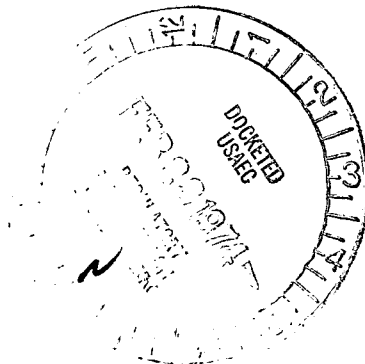
Please substitute the enclosed for the first page of my letter dated February 15, 1974. This will correct the reference in the first sentence to William H. Regan's January 14, 1974, letter, which was incorrectly referred to as January 4.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Gilleland
Assistant to the Manager of Power

Enclosure

CC: William H. Regan, Jr., Chief (Enclosure)
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This is in response to William H. Regan's letter of January 14, 1974, in which it was stated that the proposed intake design for the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant is considered unsatisfactory from an environmental standpoint. It was also stated as a general criterion that water should be taken from a region that has a low density of entrainable organisms, principally fish eggs and larvae, and a low potential for fish congregation and fatigue-producing conditions. The AEC Regulatory Staff then concluded that shoreline intakes, such as proposed for Bellefonte, do not meet this criterion, that they are not satisfactory from an environmental standpoint, and that alternative systems must be studied. We believe that the general criterion is incomplete since it fails to address safety and economic considerations. Moreover, the conclusion reached is not justified when considering the particular circumstances at Bellefonte.

It is TVA's position that, on balance, the proposed shoreline intake structure is the best alternative available, for the following reasons: (1) entrainment losses with the proposed shoreline intake do not constitute a significant adverse impact and (2) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requires a consideration of only those alternatives that provide a significant difference in environmental impact.

At this point it is helpful to review what has happened to date. TVA has proposed a closed-cycle condenser cooling water system using natural draft cooling towers. Makeup water for this system will vary but at its peak will not exceed 148.5 ft³/s and will average 107 ft³/s. Average streamflow at the site is 35,300 ft³/s.