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Gentlemen:

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

BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT (BLN) - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS CPPR-122 AND CPPR-123

By letter dated June 30, 1987, the NRC extended the expiration dates for Construction Permits CPPR-122 (BLN Unit 1) and CPPR-123 (BLN Unit 2) to July 1, 1994, and July 1, 1996, respectively. This letter respectfully requests that the NRC further extend the construction permits to October 1, 2001 (BLN Unit 1), and October 1, 2004 (BLN Unit 2).

TVA notified NRC by letter dated July 29, 1988, that construction activities at BLN had been deferred due in part to a lower than expected load forecast, noting further that TVA would be required to make a future request for construction permit extensions to take into account the period of construction inactivity. Pursuant to Section 6 of the Commission Policy Statement on Deferred Plants, TVA notified NRC by letter dated March 23, 1993, that TVA planned to resume completion activities 120 days from the letter date. As a result of the delay resulting from the inactivity during the construction deferral, construction permit extensions are now necessary. This delay provides good cause for extending the construction permits for BLN Units 1 and 2.

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In addition, pursuant to the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, TVA is currently engaged in an Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process to consider the least cost options for providing an adequate supply of electricity to TVA's customers. As part of this planning process, TVA will evaluate the completion of the BLN units along with other generating options. The added time associated with the IRP process, presently scheduled for completion in November 1995, provides additional good cause for extending the construction permits for BLN Units 1 and 2.

For the foregoing reasons, TVA submits, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(b), that good cause exists for the extension of Construction Permits CPPR-122 and CPPR-123, and that extensions until October 1, 2001, and October 1, 2004, are for a reasonable period of time.

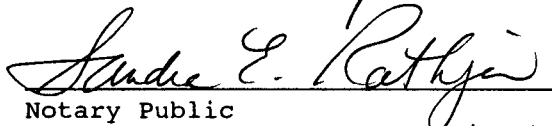
If there are any questions, please telephone me at (615) 751-4776.

Sincerely,



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