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Docket Nos. 50-438
and 50-439 ✓

Mr. W. E. Garner
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Dear Mr. Garner:

This letter responds to the questions raised in your correspondence with me and J. R. Miller on July 16, 1973, concerning the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Bellefonte) proposed by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

On May 14, 1973, the United States Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) received a tendered application for a permit to construct the Bellefonte plant. In accordance with the Commission's regulations (Section 2.101, 10 CFR Part 2) we have conducted a completeness review of the application and have concluded that it is sufficiently complete to docket. The TVA was notified of acceptance by letter dated June 14, 1973, and the application was docketed on June 21, 1973.

The procedures that were under joint review by the TVA and AEC and were referenced in my letter to you on July 9, 1973, have now been finalized and will indeed be applied to the Bellefonte environmental review. The procedural details are contained in a letter of agreement between the AEC and TVA which is included as an enclosure to this letter.

With regard to your request for copies of correspondence concerning the Bellefonte application, a local public document room has been established where the documents you requested are located, are kept current and is open to the general public. That place is:

Scottsboro Public Library
1002 South Broad Street
Scottsboro, Alabama

For your convenience we are providing you with a copy of our recent correspondence on the acceptance of the application and the notice of hearing.

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In your telephone call to me on August 7th you indicated your surprise that the AEC would accept an application since TVA acquisition of site has not been completed and is the subject of court action. Site ownership is not a prerequisite for the filing of an application for a construction permit. In the course of our review we shall evaluate the acceptability of the site in terms of nuclear safety and environmental considerations as well as the question of site acquisition.

I hope the above information will be helpful in responding to your questions concerning the status of the Bellefonte construction permit application and the new TVA/AEC policy for environmental impact review of TVA facility applications.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

A. Giambusso

A. Giambusso, Deputy Director
for Reactor Projects
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Enclosures:

1. Ltr of agreement between AEC and TVA
2. Ltr fm AEC to TVA, dated 6/14/73
3. Notice of Hearing

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