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10 CFR 50.4

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1  
Facility Operating License No. NPF-90  
NRC Docket No. 50-390

Subject: **Acceptance of Severity Level IV, Non-Cited Violation  
05000390/2011008-01, "Failure to Submit a Licensee Event Report for  
a Condition Prohibited by Technical Specifications Associated with  
the Essential Raw Water Cooling System"**

- References:
- 1) Letter from NRC (George T. Hopper) to TVA (R. M. Krich),  
"Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 - NRC Problem Identification and  
Resolution Inspection Report 05000390/2011008," dated  
March 11, 2011
  - 2) Letter from TVA (R. M. Krich) to NRC, "Request for Extension for  
Time to Respond to Severity Level IV, Non-Cited Violation  
05000390/2011008-01, 'Failure to Submit a Licensee Event Report  
for a Condition Prohibited by Technical Specifications Associated  
with the Essential Raw Water Cooling System,'" dated April 11, 2011

In Reference 1, the NRC issued Severity Level IV Non-Cited Violation (NCV)  
05000390/2011008-01, "Failure to Submit a Licensee Event Report for a Condition  
Prohibited by Technical Specifications Associated with the Essential Raw Water Cooling  
System." In the cover letter for Reference 1, the NRC stated:

*If you wish to contest this non-cited violation, you should provide a response within  
30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the  
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20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region II; the Director,  
Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Senior Resident Inspector at the Watts  
Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1.*

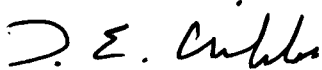
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In Reference 2, TVA requested additional time to complete a more comprehensive review of the NCV. The response date for potential challenge of the Reference 1 NCV was extended to May 11, 2011. After further review, it has been determined that TVA will not contest the violation. A Licensee Event Report will be issued in response to the NCV within 30 days, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73 and the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Operating License.

There are no regulatory commitments in this letter. If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me at 423-751-3628.

Respectfully,



*for* R. M. Krich

cc:

NRC Director, Office of Enforcement  
NRC Regional Administrator - Region II  
NRC Senior Resident Inspector - Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1