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Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 2
Facility Operating License No. DPR-79
NRC Docket No. 50-328

Subject: License Amendment Request to Utilize Methodology Described in Technical Report No. SQN2-SGR-TR3, Alternate Rebar Splice - Bar-Lock Mechanical Splices; Withdrawal of Request

Reference: Letter from TVA to NRC, "License Amendment Request to Utilize Methodology Described in Technical Report No. SQN2-SGR-TR3, Alternate Rebar Splice - Bar-Lock Mechanical Splices (TS-SQN-2011-02," dated April 21, 2011

By the reference letter dated April 21, 2011, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) submitted a request for an amendment to Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN), Unit 2, Facility License No. DPR-79. The amendment request provides a revision to the SQN Updated Final Safety Analysis Report to specify an alternate methodology for concrete reinforcement bar splicing.

During a teleconference between Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and TVA representatives on May 25, 2011, a question was identified regarding splicing crew member qualifications. The following clarification is provided.

For the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 2, steam generator replacement activities, members of each splicing crew involved in installation activities (e.g., final rebar preparation, coupler positioning, bolt torquing) will be trained and qualified to install the Bar-Lock Model 6L and Model 8L couplers.

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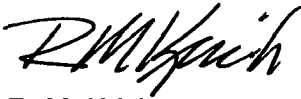
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On further review, it has been determined that the request to use Bar-Lock mechanical couplers for concrete reinforcement bar splicing does not require NRC prior approval in accordance with 10 CFR 50.59, "Changes, tests and experiments." As a result, TVA has decided to withdraw the referenced license amendment request.

There is a regulatory commitment associated with this submittal as reflected in the enclosure. Please address any questions regarding this matter to Dan Green at 423-751-8423.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 1st day of June 2011.

Respectfully,



R. M. Krich

Enclosure:

Regulatory Commitment

cc (Enclosure):

NRC Regional Administrator - Region II
NRC Senior Resident Inspector - Sequoyah Nuclear Plant
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Environment and Conservation

Enclosure

Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 2

Regulatory Commitment

Bar-Lock Splicing Crew Member Qualifications

For the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 2, steam generator replacement activities, members of each splicing crew involved in installation activities (e.g., final rebar preparation, coupler positioning, bolt torquing) will be trained and qualified to install the Bar-Lock Model 6L and Model 8L couplers.