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November 2, 2011

Mr. Reid Nelson, Director
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Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Old Post Office Building, Suite 803
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

SUBJECT: SECTION 106 CONSULTATION AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE
DRAFT SUPPLEMENT TO THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT FOR
WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dear Mr. Nelson:

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In the context of NEPA, the NRC's preliminary determination is that any impact from this operating license action on historical and archaeological resources located in the area of potential effect would be small. Under the provisions of the NHPA, the NRC also determined that no historic properties would be affected by this undertaking (the issuance of a 40-year facility operating license). The justification for this conclusion is explained in Section 4.5, which begins on page 4-46 in the enclosed draft supplement and references the March 5, 2010, letter from the Tennessee Historical Commission to the NRC.

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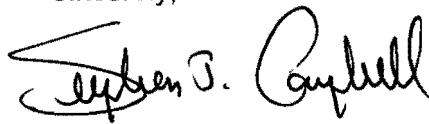
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Sincerely,

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Stephen J. Campbell, Chief
Watts Bar Special Projects Branch
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
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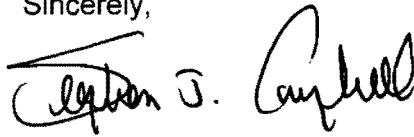
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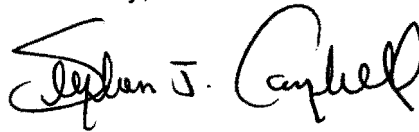
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