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ATTN: Document Control Desk
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Docket No. 52-014 and 52-015

**SUBJECT: TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA)
BELLEFONTE COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION – REQUIRED
UPDATES OF SAFETY ANALYSIS AND DEPARTURES REPORTS**

- References:
- 1) TVA letter to NRC dated September 29, 2010, "Bellefonte Units 3 and 4 Combined License Application (Cola) Review"
 - 2) NRC letter to TVA dated November 4, 2010, "Tennessee Valley Authority Request for Deferring Review of Bellefonte Units 3 and 4 Combined License Application Review"
 - 3) TVA letter to NRC dated December 22, 2010, "Bellefonte Combined License Application – Required Updates of Safety Analysis and Departures Reports - Submittal No. 6"
 - 4) TVA Letter to NRC dated September 1, 2011, "TVA Board of Directors' Decision Approving Completion of Bellefonte Unit 1"

By letter dated September 29, 2010 (Reference 1), TVA requested that the NRC defer review of the Bellefonte Units 3 and 4 COLA, pending a determination by TVA of the preferred path forward for future nuclear generation development at the Bellefonte site. By letter dated November 4, 2010 (Reference 2), the NRC agreed to defer the review of the Bellefonte Units 3 and 4 COLA indefinitely and subsequently revised the public milestone schedule to note that this review is in a suspended status.

The purpose of this letter is to reaffirm that the Bellefonte Units 3 and 4 COLA continues to be deferred indefinitely. No activity has been performed by TVA with regards to this application since the last annual update of the Safety Analysis and Departure Reports submitted on December 22, 2010 (Reference 3). By letter dated September 1, 2011 (Reference 4), TVA informed the NRC that its Board of Directors approved completion of the licensing, construction and commercial operation of Bellefonte Unit 1 as the

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preferred alternative for new nuclear generation at the Bellefonte site; therefore, TVA intends to pursue this option as a first priority. However, TVA desires to maintain the option of pursuing construction of Bellefonte Units 3 and 4 and requests that the NRC continue to defer review of the Bellefonte Units 3 and 4 COLA indefinitely.

Please contact Thomas Spink at (423) 751-7062 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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