

January 3, 2012

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of )  
 )  
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY ) Docket Nos. 50-391-OL  
 )  
(Watts Bar Unit 2) )

NRC STAFF'S JANUARY 2012 BIMONTHLY REPORT  
REGARDING THE SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF THE  
WATTS BAR NUMBER 2 LICENSE APPLICATION

The Staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("Staff") hereby provides the information requested by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board") in its May 26, 2010 Scheduling Order ("Order"). In the Order, the Board instructed the Staff to submit a report on July 2, 2010, to be updated on the first Tuesday of every other month thereafter, updating its estimates of the dates on which the final Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") and the final Safety Evaluation Report ("SER") will be issued, and in addition, promptly to inform the Board of any other developments that could potentially impact the schedule for this proceeding.

The Staff hereby notifies the Board that the comment period for NUREG-0498, Supplement 2, *Draft Final Environmental Impact Statement, Related to the Operation of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2* ("Draft") has been extended to January 24, 2012.<sup>1</sup> However, the Staff continues to estimate that the final supplement to the environmental review document will be completed in May of 2012.

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<sup>1</sup> Draft Environmental Statement, Extension of Public Comment Period, 76 Fed. Reg. 80,409 (Dec. 23, 2011).

The Staff is changing its estimate for the final supplement to NUREG-0847, *Safety Evaluation Report Related to the Operation of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2*, (June 1982), and now estimates June of 2012 for completion of the supplemental safety evaluation report, which will be presented to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. However, the Staff may issue one or more additional supplements as TVA completes all construction.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC STAFF'S JANUARY 2012 BIMONTHLY REPORT REGARDING THE SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF THE WATTS BAR NUMBER 2 LICENSE APPLICATION," dated January 3, 2012, has been served upon the following by the Electronic Information Exchange, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2012:

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