

July 3, 2012

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)
)
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY) Docket No. 50-391-OL
)
(Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2))

NRC STAFF'S JULY 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.

For its environmental review, the Staff hereby notifies the Board that the Staff now estimates December 2012, instead of September of 2012, for publication of the final supplement to the environmental review document NUREG-0498, Supplement 2, *Final Environmental Impact Statement Related to the Operation of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2*.

For its safety review, the Staff hereby notifies the Board that the Staff continues to estimate December of 2013 for publication of its final supplement to NUREG-0847, *Safety Evaluation Report Related to the Operation of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2*, (June 1982). However, the Staff anticipates that additional supplements to NUREG-0847 may be

issued during the time period that Watts Bar Unit 2 construction remains uncompleted (i.e. through December of 2015).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

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