#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

## BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2)

Docket No. 50-391-OL

#### NRC STAFF'S JULY 2013 BIMONTHLY REPORT REGARDING THE SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF THE WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 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 NRC Staff has published the final version of NUREG-0498, Supplement 2, Vol. 1,

Final Environmental Impact Statement Related to the Operation of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit

2 (May 2013), and NUREG-0498, Supplement 2, Vol. 2 (May 2013).<sup>1</sup>

For its safety review, the Staff hereby notifies the Board that the Staff continues to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Tennessee Valley Authority; Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2, Final Environmental Statement; Issuance, 78 Fed. Reg. 35,989, 35,990 (June 14, 2013). The Staff previously notified the Board and parties that NUREG-0498, Supplement 2, Vols. 1 and 2 were made publicly available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) on May 29, 2013. See NRC Staff's Notification of Public Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement Supplement Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 2 License Application at 1 (June 4, 2013) (noting the documents may be accessed together in an ADAMS "package" at ADAMS Accession No. ML13144A202 (comprising ML13144A092 (Vol. 1) and ML13144A093 (Vol. 2))).

estimate April of 2014 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,

#### /Signed (electronically) by/

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.305 (revised), I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC STAFF'S JULY 2013 BIMONTHLY REPORT REGARDING THE SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF THE WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 2 LICENSE APPLICATION" dated July 2, 2013, has been served upon the Electronic Information Exchange, the NRC's E-Filing System, in the above captioned proceeding, this 2nd day of July, 2013.

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