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By letter dated June 26, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13178A280), Tennessee Valley Authority submitted a relief request for Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. The relief request proposes an alternative to the requirements of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI, Subparagraph IWB-5222(b) to extend the pressure boundary to all Class 1 pressure retaining components during the system leakage test conducted at or near the end of the inspection interval. The proposed alternative is requested on the basis that hardship and unusual difficulty exists in establishing a pressurized system configuration that will subject all Class 1 components to Reactor Coolant System operating pressure. The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this relief request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed relief request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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