UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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In the Matter of TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2)

Docket Nos. 50-327-LR & 50-328-LR

NRC STAFF MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE (REVISED OCTOBER 1, 2014)

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board), in its Initial Scheduling Order, dated August 26, 2013 (Initial Scheduling Order), ordered the staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Staff) to file a monthly status report on its best estimate of the dates for issuance of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS), Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS), Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS), Safety Evaluation Report (SER) with open items, and the final SER. In its March 4, 2014 report, the Staff stated that, while it expected to publish the SER with open items in January 2015 and the final SER in May 2015, it might publish the documents sooner depending on the response it received from the applicant on requests for additional information regarding the applicant's reactor vessel internals program.¹ Based on the response it received from the applicant, the Staff published the SER with open items, on September 29, 2014,² and expects to publish the final SER in January 2015.³ The Staff published the DSEIS on July 31, 2014 and still expects to publish the FSEIS in March 2015.

¹ NRC Staff Monthly Status Report (Revised), March 4, 2014 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14063A678).

² Safety Evaluation Report With Open Items Related to Sequoyah Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application, September 29, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14195A209).

³ Letter from John W. Lubinski, Director, Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, to Joe W. Shea, Vice President, Nuclear Licensing, Tennessee Valley Authority, September 30, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14258A648).

On September 30, 2014, the Board dismissed Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League's environmental waste confidence contention.⁴ Given the dismissal of that contention and the availability of the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application Schedule Review on the NRC's public website, the Staff does not intend to file any further monthly status reports unless the Board orders otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 1st day of October, 2014

⁴ Memorandum and Order (Dismissing Environmental Waste Confidence Contention), September 30, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14273A376).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.305, I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC STAFF MONTHLY STATUS REPORT UPDATE (REVISED OCTOBER 1, 2014)," dated October 1, 2014, have been served upon the Electronic Information Exchange, the NRC's E-Filing System, in the above-captioned proceeding, this 1st day of October, 2014.

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