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Cc: Pfefferkorn, Candace; Cumblidge, Stephen
Subject: Browns Ferry Units 1, 2, and 3 Relief Request ISI-45 Acceptance Review (TAC Nos. MF4854, MF4855, and MF4856)

Gordon/Tom,

By letter dated September 12, 2014, Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee) submitted a relief request for Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) Units 1, 2, and 3. The proposed relief request would align, to a single interval date, the inservice inspection (ISI) interval dates for the three BFN units (American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Code Section XI Inservice Inspection Program for the Unit 1 Second Ten-Year Inspection Interval, Unit 2 Fourth Ten-Year Inspection Interval, and Unit 3 Third Ten-Year Inspection Interval, Request For An Alternative ISI-45). The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (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.

Pursuant to Sections 50.55a(a)(3)(i) and 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), the licensee shall demonstrate that the proposed alternatives would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety, or that compliance with the specified requirements of Section 50.55a would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed your relief request 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 requested relief 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. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact the me at (301) 415 1447.

Thanks,
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