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TVA Clinch River Early Site Permit Application
NRC Project No. 785

Subject: Early Site Permit Application Expected Submittal Date

- References:
- 1) NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2015-07, "Process for Scheduling and Allocating Resources in FY 2017 for the Review of New Licensing Applications for Large Light-Water Reactors and Small Modular Reactors," dated May 11, 2015
 - 2) TVA Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2015-07, dated June 19, 2015, CNL-15-096

On May 11, 2015, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2015-07 (Reference 1) to obtain new or updated information on the scheduling of potential license applications, to assist in determining future resource and budget needs. The RIS also included NRC encouragement of applicants "to declare in writing their anticipated application submission date no later than 90 days in advance of the arrival of its submission." The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) responded to RIS 2015-07 on June 19, 2015 (Reference 2) providing schedule range estimates. This letter provides TVA's voluntary response to the requested 90-day declaration of a specific submittal date, as requested in Reference 1.

TVA has participated in multiple pre-application meetings with the NRC since 2014 regarding a proposed Clinch River (CR) Early Site Permit Application (ESPA). In addition, the NRC conducted a pre-application readiness assessment of TVA's draft ESPA in July-September 2015. TVA has factored information gained through these interactions into the CR ESPA. Efforts to finalize the CR ESPA are proceeding and TVA anticipates it will submit the application by May 12, 2016.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Daniel P. Stout at (423) 751-7642.

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Respectfully,



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