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Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley, Jr.
Senior Vice President, Nuclear Power
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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-259/89-04, 50-260/89-04, AND
50-296/89-04)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) special reactive team inspection conducted by D. R. Carpenter on January 4-12, 1989, at your Browns Ferry facility near Decatur, Alabama. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the conditions which led to your initiating and partially carrying out the Browns Ferry Unit 2 core reload without adequate core neutron monitoring. At the conclusion of the inspection the findings were discussed on January 13, 1989 with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed inspection report.

Your loading of fuel without adequate core neutron monitoring is considered to be a potential unreviewed safety question, which resulted in part, from failure to properly implement administrative procedures associated with the 10 CFR 50.59 process and failure to provide for adequate review of fuel loading procedures. These issues are under consideration for escalated enforcement action. Accordingly, a Notice of Violation is not being issued at this time, and no reponse is required. Please be advised that the characterization of the violations described in this report may change as a result of further NRC review. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice, "Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter, it's enclosures and any reply will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
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