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BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - TVA BFN TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION NO. 271 - CORE ALTERATIONS/SOURCE RANGE MONITORS

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.4 and 50.90, we are submitting a request for an amendment to licenses DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-68. The amendment will change the BFN Technical Specifications for units 1, 2, and 3 (enclosure 1).

These proposed interim changes revised sections 1.0.S, 3.10.B and 3.10.C to correct some identified deficiencies. Specifications 3.10.B.1.b.2 and 3.10.B.1.b.3 currently allow reactivity additions to the reactor core without continuous core monitoring. These are interim changes resulting from agreements between NRC and TVA during an Enforcement Conference in early 1989. There is currently no industry standard practice for neutron monitoring during core alterations. GE is currently working with EPRI on a program to evaluate reactivity controls during refueling and expects to complete generic recommendations for use by BWR utilities in early 1990. TVA will evaluate these guidelines for applicability to BFN when they become available to the industry.

Description, reason for change, and justification in support of the proposed changes are enclosed (Enclosure 2). A proposed determination of significant hazards is provided in enclosure 3. We request that these specifications be made effective 30 days after issuance.

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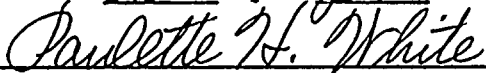
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