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In the Matter of
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
(Clinch River Nuclear Site Early Site Permit Application)
Docket No. 52-047-ESP

Dear Administrative Judges:

In accordance with the Licensing Board's Initial Scheduling Order issued December 7, 2017, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System ("ADAMS") Accession No. ML17341A544), the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("Staff") informed the Licensing Board and the parties in hearing file updates for March and April 2018 that the draft environmental impact statement ("DEIS") for the Clinch River Nuclear Site would be publicly available in the second half of April, 2018 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML18072A403, ML18100A999). On April 23, 2018, the Staff notified the Licensing Board of the ADAMS Accession Numbers for the DEIS and stated that the Staff would inform the Board and parties of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") and Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") public notification of availability of the Clinch River DEIS in the *Federal Register*.

The Staff hereby informs the Licensing Board and parties that the NRC public notification of availability of the DEIS for the Clinch River Nuclear Site was published in the *Federal Register* on April 26, 2018. Early Site Permit Application: Tennessee Valley Authority; Clinch River Nuclear Site, 83 Fed. Reg. 18,354 (April 26, 2018). The Staff also informs the Board that the EPA public notification of availability of the DEIS for the Clinch River Nuclear Site was published in the *Federal Register* on April 27, 2018. Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability, 83 Fed. Reg. 18,554 (April 27, 2018). The notice issued by the EPA states that the DEIS public comment period closes on July 13, 2018, while the NRC notice states that the comment period closes on July 10, 2018. The Staff intends to issue a correction in the *Federal Register* to clarify that the public comment period ends on July 13, 2018.

Sincerely,

/Signed (electronically) by/

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Letter to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board regarding the public notification of availability of the DEIS for the Clinch River Nuclear Site in the *Federal Register* dated April 27, 2018, in the above-captioned proceeding have been served upon the Electronic Information Exchange, the NRC's E-Filing System, this 27th day of April, 2018.

/Signed (electronically) by/

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