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Secretary of the Commission
United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Re: In the Matter of Tennessee Valley Authority
(Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-259 and 50-260)

Dear Sir: Attention: Docketing and Service Section

I have been informed that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is holding a hearing concerning the renewed operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. I strongly support TVA's efforts to get the Browns Ferry plant back on the line as soon as possible. I will not be able to appear at the Hearing, but would appreciate being placed on the schedule to have the enclosed testimony read in my behalf.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY TO BE PRESENTED AT PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING
RENEWED OPERATION OF BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT

This nation faces serious energy problems. Oil and gas production has been declining, yet consumption of all fossil fuels has been increasing. Today, we are importing more oil than we were prior to the 1973 embargo. The only solution to these national problems is through continued development of all energy sources and fostering wiser and more efficient use of energy.

We in Alabama recognize that only through development of all energy sources can the demand be met. We believe that nuclear power is safe when properly controlled and believe the incident resulting in the Browns Ferry plant shutdown is testimony to the adequacy of these controls.

The use of electricity in Alabama is projected to increase. With continued shortages of natural gas projected, we must have the electrical facilities to meet the peak demands of the people. The Browns Ferry Nuclear plant plays an important part in meeting projected demand. We strongly support the TVA's efforts to get this plant back on line as soon as possible. We urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to do everything it can to see that the Browns Ferry plant is put into operation in the most expeditious manner possible consistent with NRC safeguards.