## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

## Before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

| In the Matter of             | )  |                    |
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| TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY   | )  | Docket Nos. 50-259 |
| (Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, | ). |                    |
| Units 1 and 2)               | )  |                    |

## LICENSEE'S RESPONSES TO MR. GARNER'S ORAL QUESTIONS OF JULY 1, 1976

On July 1, 1976, Intervenor William E. Garner, in a telephone conversation with David G. Powell, requested that some of the responses to interrogatories filed by TVA on June 21, 1976, be clarified. The responses below confirm the oral response given Mr. Garner by Mr. Powell on July 2:

84(g), (h): The feather on a wand option was not specifically considered at the time of the original decision because it appeared <u>at</u> <u>that time</u> that a satisfactory method of leak checking was available and, thus, there was no need to consider others.

98, 276, 277, 280: The responses to these interrogatories were either prepared by Mr. Green personally or under his supervision or direction and with his specific approval.

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110: TVA has not decided upon any one soap solution that will be used exclusively for leak checking. Any solution that would be used would first be qualified for this application.

274: At the time this statement was made, a full investigation of the specific causes and circumstances surrounding the fire had not yet been completed and Mr. Green could not yet have been aware of them. Thus, Mr. Green's use of the word "inexcusable" was not meant to refer to any fault or culpability relating to the specific circumstances of the fire, but merely reflected Mr. Green's initial reaction to the fire.

I certify that the above responses are true and correct.

David G. Powell Attorney for Licensee Tennessee Valley Authority

July 2, 1976 Knoxville, Tennessee

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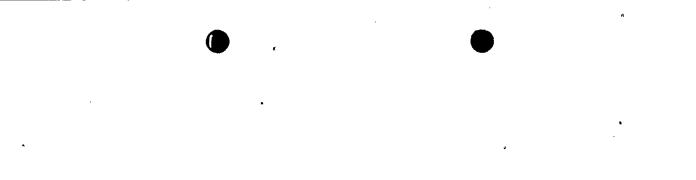
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Licensee's Responses to Mr. Garner's Oral Questions of July 1, 1976

and that I have served a copy of the above document upon the persons listed below by depositing it in the United States mail, postage prepaid and addressed:



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