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September 20, 1979

Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director Office of Inspection and Enforcement U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region II - Suite 3100 101 Marietta Street Atlanta, Georgia 3030,

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 - DELAY OF REACTOR TRIP BECAUSE OF ARCING ACROSS UNDERFREQUENCY RELAY CONTACTS - NCR EEB 79-13 - SECOND INTERIM REPORT

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Inspector F. S. Cantrell on August 2, 1979, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e). An interim report was submitted on August 27, 1979. We expect to submit our next report before fuel loading in unit 1.

TVA is investigating the possibility of installing diodes across each of the four auxiliary relay coil terminals. It has not been determined if this corrective action is suitable because of trip signal time requirements.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch with D. L. Lambert at FTS 854-2581.

Very truly yours,

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