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Mr. H. G. Parris Manager of Power Tennessee Valley Authority 500A Chestnut Street Tower II Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401

Dear Mr. Parris:

SUBJECT: UPGRADED STANDARD TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (STS) BASES PROGRAM (Hartsville Nuclear Plants, Al, A2, B1 and B2)

As you know, we initiated in August 1977 a program to upgrade the bases section of the STS. We thank you for the support you have previously indicated for this program. The program has made only slight progress to date. Recently a concern was expressed regarding the applicability of license fees for amendments that may result from this upgrading program. In response to this concern, we have sought and obtained approval for exempting from fees, those amendments in fee Classes I, II, and III that result directly from this upgrading program. We currently expect all amendments under this program to fall within these fee classes. We hope that this exemption from fees will provide additional incentive for the program. We are also notifying the reactor vendors of this fee exemption approval.

If you have any questions about the program or wish to discuss it further, please call Donald Brinkman at (301) 492-7306.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Baer, Chief

Light Water Reactors Branch No. 2 Division of Project Management

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