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Dear Mr. Parris:

Reference is made to your letter of February 20, 1979 which submitted for our review the following topical reports: TVA-TR78-02, "Methods for the Lattice Physics Analysis of LWR's," TVA-TR78-03, "Three-Dimensional LWR Core Simulation Methods," and TVA-TR79-01, "Verification of TVA Steady-State BWR Physics Methods." These topical reports describe the analysis methods you propose to employ to calculate core characteristics for light water reactors and the verification of the methods for steady-state characteristics of boiling water reactors. We have reviewed these reports; our evaluations are summarized in enclosures 1, 2 and 3. We find that these reports are acceptable for referencing by TVA.

As we advised you in our letter of June 6, 1978 regarding these topical reports, you will be notified of the fee associated with our review.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Evaluation of Rpt TVA TR78-03

2. Evaluation of Rpt TVA-TR78-02

3. Evaluation of kpt TVA-1R-79-01

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