

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37401

400 Chestnut Street Tower II

December 17, 1979

Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

In the Matter of the Application of) Docket Nos. STN 50-553
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-554

To ensure full compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, TVA by letter dated September 26, 1979, requested from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service an identification of species which are listed or proposed for listing as threatened or endangered which may occur in the vicinity of the proposed transmission line corridors for TVA's Phipps Bend Nuclear Plant (PBNP).

TVA has received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service a letter dated November 1, 1979 (see enclosure), which states that it is their belief that no Federally listed or proposed endangered or threatened species are known to inhabit the area to be impacted by construction of the PBNP transmission line connectors. They have also expressed the opinion that TVA has satisfied the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended.

The schedule for construction of the John Sevier - Phipps Bend lines 1, 2, 3, and 4, is the same as the schedule shown in my August 22, 1979, letter for the John Sevier - Phipps Bend lines 1 and 2.

TVA is still in the process of reviewing the transmission line corridors for archaeological and historical considerations, and will provide documentation showing our compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act after this review is completed.

Very truly yours,

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L. M. Mills, Manager
Nuclear Regulation and Safety

Enclosure

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Mr. Thomas H. Ripley, Manager
Office of Natural Resources
Tennessee Valley Authority
Norris, Tennessee 37828

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Re: 4-2-80-I-2

Dear Mr. Ripley:

We have reviewed the construction of the Pappas Bend Nuclear Plant and related transmission lines in Hawkins, Sullivan, and Washington Counties, Tennessee, as requested by letter of September 26, 1979, received October 3, 1979.

Based on our records, it is our belief that there are no federally listed or proposed Endangered or Threatened plant or animal species in the impact area of the project, and that the requirements of Section 7(c) are fulfilled. In view of this, we believe that you have satisfied the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

This letter does not constitute a consultation as required by Section 7(a) of the Act nor a biological opinion of the Fish and Wildlife Service. It is intended only as a response to your request under Section 7(c) relative to biological assessments. If this plan is substantially modified so as to alter the impact area of the project, you must reconsider your obligations under Section 7(c) of the Act.

Sincerely yours,

Ray E. Vaughan
Regional Director