

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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April 15, 1980

TVA BFNP TS 137

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) Docket Nos. 50-259
Tennessee Valley Authority) 50-260
50-296

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR Part 50.59, we are enclosing 40 copies of a requested amendment to licenses DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-68 to change the technical specifications of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant units 1, 2, and 3 to allow the conduct of a short Containment Integrated Leak Rate Test (Enclosure 1). Justification for the proposed revisions is also provided (Enclosure 2). This requested change to the technical specifications replaces, in its entirety, requested change TVA BFNP TS 134 submitted by my letter to you dated December 17, 1979.

The proposed technical specifications are modeled after the BWR standard specifications and consequently should not require extensive review by your staff. Approval of these specifications will bring the Browns Ferry technical specifications more in line with NRC's desired format and will increase plant availability without compromising safety. Approval is requested in time to take advantage of these specifications for the unit 2 refueling outage beginning in early September 1980.

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 170.22, we have determined this proposed amendment to be Class III for unit 1 and Class I for units 2 and 3. These classifications are based on the facts that the proposed amendment involves a single safety issue which does not involve a significant hazard consideration for unit 1, and the proposed amendments for units 2 and 3 are duplicates of the unit 1 proposed amendment. The remittance for \$4,800 (\$4,000 for unit 1 and \$800 for units 2 and 3) was forwarded to NRC

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for review of requested change TVA BFNP TS 134 when it was submitted. Within two days of its submittal we were informed by members of your staff that because of higher priority work in NRC, approval of TS 134 would not be forthcoming for approximately one year. Because of this, we consider that no NRC review effort was initiated. Based on this, we do not believe that additional fees are appropriate, and accordingly none will be forwarded.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

L. M. Mills
L. M. Mills, Manager
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Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 15th day of April 1980.

Bryant M. Lawery
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My Commission Expires April 4, 1982

Enclosures

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