UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-296

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 34 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-68 issued to the Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee), which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 3, located in Limestone County, Alabama. The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

This amendment changes the Technical Specifications to permit continued operation following isolation of the residual heat removal service water (RHRSW) to the Browns Ferry Unit No. 2 2B residual heat removal heat exchanger for a period of up to 10 days which also isolates this backup source of RHRSW to Browns Ferry Unit No. 3 through the cross connection between Unit Nos. 2 and 3.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CIR Section 51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated August 26, 1980, as supplemented by letter dated August 28, 1980, (2) Amendment No. 34 to License No. DPR-68, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Athens Public Library, South and Forrest, Athens, Alabama 35611. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 9th day of September, 1980.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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