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Attention: Mr. B. J. Youngblood

Gentlemen:

JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT - UNIT 2 AMENDMENT TO OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-8 APPENDIX A TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Re.: Alabama Power Company letter to NRC dated February 27, 1981

In the referenced letter, Alabama Power Company requested temporary relief from certain technical specifications in order to perform the augmented low power test 501-7-007, "Natural Circulation Cooldown and Boron Mixing."

After further review of Revision 4 to the Farley Nuclear Plant Unit 2 Special Low Power Test Safety Evaluation, it was determined that no technical specification exceptions are required. Westinghouse initially proposed that the Farley Nuclear Plant receive the same technical specification exceptions that was granted Tennessee Valley Authority's Sequoyah Nuclear Plant. Sequoyah performed the subject test with the reactor critical while Farley proposes to perform this test subcritical with sufficient decay heat available as the heat source. Since the Farley test will be performed with the reactor subcritical, no technical specification exceptions are required. Alabama Power Company withdraws the request in the referenced letter for a technical specification exemption.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Yours truly,

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