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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Mr. Samuel J. Chilk Secretary of the Commission Docketing and Service Branch Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Chilk:

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) - REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO 10 CFR PART 55, "OPERATORS' LICENSES - REQUALIFICATION

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has reviewed the proposed amendment noticed in the May 20, 1993 Federal Register (58 FR 29366), and offer the following comments.

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TVA supports the comments on this proposed amendment to 10 CFR Part 55 made by the Nuclear Management and Resources Council and endorses their recommendations that NRC replace the requirement to supply operating test or written examinations 30 days prior to conducting the examination with a less burdensome alternative. TVA's position is that the best alternative would be to send the examinations after their administration. This in conjunction with onsite inspections by NRC would accomplish the main objectives of this proposed rule change, i.e., reducing the regulatory burden while maintaining high quality operator training.

TVA appreciates the opportunity to respond to this request for comment.

Sincerely,

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