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Docket No. 50-259

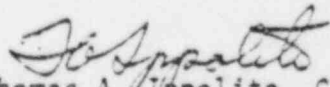
Mr. N. B. Hughes, Manager of Power
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Dear Mr. Hughes:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 43 to Facility License No. DPR-33 for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 1. On September 19, 1978, we issued Amendment No. 41 to Facility License No. DPR-33 which permitted you to operate Browns Ferry Unit No. 1 with one recirculation loop isolated with the restriction that power level be limited to 50% of licensed power. This amendment, which is in response to your request of September 28, 1978, raises the maximum allowable power level to 82%. With your concurrence, we have also amended the Technical Specifications to require that the suction valve and recirculation pump in the idle recirculation loop be electrically disarmed while operating with one recirculation loop. This amendment authorizes you to operate Browns Ferry Unit 1 with one recirculation loop isolated for the remainder of the current fuel cycle.

Copies of the Safety Evaluation and Notice of Issuance are also enclosed.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 43 to DPR-33
2. Safety Evaluation
3. Notice

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