



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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Mr. N. B. Hughes, Manager of Power  
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Dear Mr. Hughes:

SUBJECT: SEQUOYAH REVIEW SCHEDULE

Our letters of December 27, 1977 and June 28, 1978 on Sequoyah noted the importance to timely completion of our review of prompt responses by TVA to outstanding and future requests for information. Further emphasis on this matter was added through numerous telephone and direct contacts between our staffs.

On August 2, 1978, you informed us of your new fuel loading date of April 1979 and on August 7, 1978, you transmitted your schedule for responses to questions then open, contained in our letters of May 10, August 2, and November 8, 1977, and June 26, 1978. That schedule, even with subsequent slippages to as late as October 1 on some items, was essentially consistent with a review schedule to which we have been working which could support your fuel loading date.

However, since that time, although some responses have been made, you have informed us that the schedule for many others has slipped to November 1, 1978 and later for specific items. In addition, other responses have been determined to be incomplete or inadequate. These have been discussed with your staff and commitments have been made for supplementary responses, mostly in November. Still other items have been newly identified in our letters to TVA of September 1, September 20, and September 29, 1978, responses to which have been scheduled by TVA in November and December. (TVA has not yet informed us of its schedule for responses to the questions of our letter of September 20, 1978.) All items in the September letters, and indeed all other open items, including ECCS analysis and sump test results, have been discussed by telephone, as have additional open items in the electrical and instrumentation and control areas. As of November 8, none of the responses scheduled for November have been received.

The total of present open items is excessive and would preclude issuance of an acceptable SER. The schedule to which we have been working, which includes issuance of an SER by January 1, 1979 and a February ACRS meeting, cannot be achieved with the current response status summarized above. Therefore, we believe that the

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earliest date by which we could issue an acceptable SER, assuming close conformance with your present response schedule and the earliest possible response to any new questions, is February, 1979. This then will result in an ACRS meeting in March 1979 and an SER Supplement in late May 1979. However, we must point out that any further slippage will most likely result in further delays in completion of our review.

This entire matter has been discussed with members of your licensing staff, whom we believe have been striving to expedite TVA responses and to facilitate completion of our review. We are available to discuss this matter further, but urge timely and complete responses to our requests to avoid any additional delays.

Sincerely,



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