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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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In the Matter of
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
PROJECT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
(Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant)

Docket No. 50-537

APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO INTERVENORS' REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING OF EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY DURING WEEK OF DECEMBER 13-17, 1982

The United States Department of Energy and Project
Management Corporation, for themselves and on behalf of the
Tennessee Valley Authority, (the Applicants) hereby respond
to Intervenors' Request For Scheduling Of Expert Witness
Testimony During Week Of December 13-17, 1982, dated
October 20, 1982 as follows:

Applicants have no objection to scheduling Dr. Johnson's appearance as requested, provided, of course, that Intervenors will not be allowed to name additional witnesses in an untimely manner. Applicants note, however, that this matter, along with other scheduling matters for the forthcoming hearings, should have been the subject of consultation amongst counsel without recourse to the Board. At the present time the Staff

has undertaken consultation with the Applicants and NRDC in an attempt to develop an overall agreement concerning the order and schedule of witnesses for both hearing sessions.

Applicants also feel compelled to note for the record an inaccurate statement in Intervenors' Motion; namely, "that despite requests by Intervenors, Applicants have not identified any of the witnesses they intend to have testify during the next phase of the hearing." Applicants identified their witnesses for all NRDC Contentions in their August 6, 1982 discovery supplement. In addition, on October 18, 1982, the Applicants amended this response to delete two witnesses and to substitute another (one witness identified on August 6, 1982, has left the employ of DOE and thus the substitution was necessary).

Accordingly, subject to the foregoing, Applicants have no objection to the grant of NRDC's Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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