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November 2, 1982

Tennessee Valley Authority
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Confirmation of Telephone Conversation - Browns Ferry Unit 2 -
IE Bulletin 82-03, Docket No. 50-260

This refers to our telephone conversation of October 29, 1982, between Mr. L. Mills of your staff, and Mr. D. M. Verrelli of this office concerning ultrasonic inspections at Browns Ferry Unit No. 2.

The purpose of the conversation was to inform you that during the IE Bulletin 82-03 required demonstration, the inspection crew representing TVA had failed to demonstrate that service induced cracking in stainless steel could be detected using TVA procedures, equipment, and methodology.

We further informed you that due to this failure, previously completed inspections in the recirculation piping could not be credited toward completing the requirements of IEB 82-03. This leaves you with the option of revising your procedures and retesting or contracting with an inspection agency which has successfully demonstrated the ability to detect service induced cracking.

The results of the demonstration attempt and the most probable causes for the failure by your crew were discussed in detail between Mr. Gothard of your office and Messrs. B. Crowley and J. Coley of this office. Immediately after, we reviewed the results of the demonstration.

Please inform this office promptly if your understanding of our discussion is different from that stated above.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by DMVerrelli)

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