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Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260 and 50-296

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Dear Mr. Nauman:

SUBJECT: SAFETY PARAMETER DISPLAY SYSTEM - BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 (TAC NOS. M51223, M51224,, M51225, M73634, M73635, M73636, M74601, M74602, M74606, M74607, M74611, AND 74612)

By letter dated October 22, 1990, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) submitted for NRC staff review its detailed design description of the Safety Parameter Display System (SPDS) for the Browns Ferry Nuclear P? + (BFNP). On March 6, 1991, the staff issued a safety evaluation (SE) regaring TVA's submittal. This SE concluded that TVA's SPDS design was generally acceptable; however, TVA's design did not fully meet all of the requirements in NUREG-0737, Supplement 1. The staff's SE identified several open issues to be resolved and requested TVA to address each one. TVA responded to the staff's request by letter dated December 17, 1991.

The NRC staff has completed its safety evaluation of TVA's SPDS design for BFNP, as documented in the enclosed supplement to our previous SE. Based on the results from these safety evaluations, the staff can now conclude that TVA's SCDS design description for BFNP fully meets the requirements of NUREG-0737, Supplement 1.

With regard to Generic Letter (GL) 89-06, "Task Action Plan Item I.D.2 - Safety Parameter Display System," TVA has committed to certify its compliance with the requirements of NUREG-0737, Supplement 1 within two months after the SPDS for each unit is fully operational. Furthermore, TVA committed to make the SPDS operational following restart for BFNP, Units 1 and 3, and

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after restart from the Cycle 6 outage for BFNP Unit 2. The staff considers TVA's commitment, and schedules acceptable for implementing the SPDS at each BFNP unit in accordance with the requirements of NUREG-0737, Supplement 1 and the guidelines of GL 89-06.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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