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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: MEETING SUMMARY - RE-SCHEDULING OF BROWNS FERRY
REQUALIFICATION EXAMINATION

This letter refers to the meeting conducted at your request at the NRC Region II office in Atlanta on January 9, 1992. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the licensee to make a presentation on reasons why the Browns Ferry Requalification Examination should be re-scheduled for December 7, 1992. A summary of the presentation is enclosed.

It is our opinion that this meeting was beneficial and provided a better understanding of the licensee's concerns.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by T. A. Peebles)

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- Enclosures:
1. List of Attendees
 2. Presentation Summary

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R. Jones, Operations Superintendent
M. DeRoche, Operations Training Manager

Browns Ferry/NRC Region II Meeting January 9, 1992

- I. Introduction
- II. Historical Review
- III. Current Challenges
- IV. Pros and Cons of June Examination
- V. One Time Exemption - National Examination Schedule
- VI. NRC Training Inspection
- VII. Closing Remarks

Browns Ferry/NRC Region II Meeting
January 9, 1992

I. Introduction (Max Herrell)

- Postpone LOR examination to December 7, 1992

II. Historical Review (Mark DeRoche)

- Since 1985, 16 of 37 SROs and 19 of 31 ROs no longer in position
- Since July 1989, 59 of 91 current licensed operators passed NRC examination
- Training Inspection in December 1989
- Satisfactory program evaluation in February 1990
- Operator program accreditation renewed September 1990
- February/March 1991 Operational Evaluation
- INPO Plant Evaluation in March 1991
- Round the clock NRC coverage of shift operations during startup and testing
- NRC Hot License Examination Performance:
 - June 1991 - 8 of 8
 - December 1990 - 8 of 11
 - June 1990 - 10 of 10

III. Current Challenges (R.G. Jones)

- Revision 4 Emergency Operating Instructions
- Flowchart format
- Certified Simulator
- Revision 7 of the Examiner Standard
- No TVA LOR Examinations scheduled for June
- Operator Stress - 2 LOR examinations (June and December)

IV. Advantages of December Examination (R.G. Jones)

- Spread out the increased workload over a longer period
- <24 months between evaluations (March 1991 to December 1992)
- Reduced stress on operators
- Better examination material - more valid examination
- Less disruption of Browns Ferry LOR program - larger exam population

V. One Time Exemption - National Examination Schedule (Mark DeRoche)

VI. NRC Training Inspection (Max Herrell)

VII. Closing Remarks (Max Herrell)