

November 20, 1995

Tennessee Valley Authority
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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY RESTART UNIT 3 - DOCKET NO. 50-296

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

This letter formally documents the verbal authorization given to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to restart the Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 3 (BF-3) at 9:32 a.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST) on November 19, 1995.

On November 19, 1995, the NRC staff, which included Region II and Headquarters personnel, briefed the Regional Administrator (RA) on the status of BF-3. The NRC staff certified that all NRC open items had been addressed and the staff had verified the closure of the TVA open items. With all participants concurring, the staff recommended that the RA authorize TVA to restart BF-3. Subsequent to that briefing, the TVA by telephone confirmed, with the RA and selected NRC staff, that TVA had completed all open items and BF-3 was ready to restart. The RA verbally authorized TVA via the Site Vice President, Mr. R. Machon, to restart BF-3 at 9:32 a.m., EST.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by S. Ebnetter)

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Regional Administrator

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
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