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Dear Mr. Wells:

By letter dated April 3, 2020 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20097D315), Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN), Units 1 and 2. The proposed amendments would revise certain Technical Specifications surveillance requirements (SRs) by adding exceptions to consider the SR met when automatic valves or dampers are locked, sealed, or otherwise secured in the actuated position, in order to consider the SR met, consistent with Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Traveler 541, "Add Exceptions to Surveillance Requirements for Valves and Dampers Locked in the Actuated Position."

The purpose of this email is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of the proposed LAR. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications.

The NRC staff has reviewed TVA's application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendments in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in TVA's submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately 70 hours to complete and that the review can be completed by the end of October 2020. These estimates are based on the staff's initial review of the application. If there are emergent challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates will be communicated, during the routine interactions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1627.

Sincerely,

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