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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H. Street NW
Washington DC 20555

RE: Nos. 50-327/328
Tennessee Valley Authority
Sequoyah Nuclear Plant

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Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to Title 10, Part 2, Subpart B of the Code of Federal Regulations, the below-named individuals and organizations, by counsel undersigned, request immediate emergency action in the form of an order suspending full power operation of the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant until remedial action can be taken.

The basis for this request is the failure of the licensee to meet the requirements of Regulatory Guides 1.9 and 1.108 with respect to the capacity margin and performance testing of the Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) system. It is our contention that the failure of this system to meet federal requirements, as set out in greater detail in the March 8, 1988 NRC consultant's report attached to SECY-88-82 and in the letters to the Commissioners from Mr. Dallas Hicks dated February 25 and March 10, 1988, which are matters of record in this proceeding, constitutes a fundamental breach of the Commission's duty under the Atomic Energy Act to assure that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by the operation of this nuclear power plant.

Accordingly, you are notified that if no order suspending operations, or alternatively, any order or advisory from the NRC staff permitting resumption of operation of the facility at power, is forthcoming, the petitioners below will appear before the United States Court of Appeals, seeking an emergency order to provide the requested relief and requesting a full review of the issues presented.

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Respectfully,

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Thanks!

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