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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of)	Docket Nos.	50-259
Tennessee Valley Authority)		50-260
			50-296

BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 -WITHDRAWAL OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (TS) CHANGE 360 -TRAVERSING IN-CORE PROBE (TIP), OPERABILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND WITHDRAWAL OF CUSTOM TS (CTS) PORTION OF TS CHANGE 395 -NUMBER OF RESIDUAL HEAT REMOVAL SERVICE WATER SYSTEM (RHRSW) PUMPS REQUIRED FOR MULTI-UNIT OPERATION AND COLD SHUTDOWN

On June 16, 1995, TVA submitted TS Change 360 to revise TS to allow the TIP system to be considered operable with less than five TIP machines operable. This change would allow the data normally supplied by the inoperable TIP unit to be supplied by either substituting lata from traverses of symmetric TIP locations or using normalized TIP readings calculated by the on-line core monitoring system.

On December 30, 1997, TVA submitted TS Change 395 to remove an identified non-conservatism concerning the number of RHRSW pumps required for multi-unit operation. This change also proposed to reduce the number of RHRSW pumps required to be operable after a unit has been in the cold shutdown condition for more than 24 hours.

On July 14, 1998, NRC issued Amendment Nos. 234, 253, and 212 to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-69 for BFN Units 1, 2, and 3 respectively. These amendments were in response to TVA's application dated September 6, 1996 and

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supplements which proposed TS changes for conversion to Improved Technical Specifications (ITS) (TS Change 362).

Based on NRC approval of TS Change 362, TVA no longer requires the approval of TS Change 360 and TS Change 395. The purpose of this letter is to withdraw TS Change 360 and to withdraw the portion of TS Change 395 which affected the BFN Custom Technical Specifications. Note that the ITS portion of TS Change 395 was approved by NRC in the July 14, 1998 license amendments (TS Change 362).

There are no commitments contained in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (256) 729-2636.

Sincerely,

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 18th day of Apot. 1998. Jarbara ion Notary Public My Commission Expires 10,06/98 My Commission expires

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