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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
ATTN: Dr. J. Nelson Grace, Regional Administrator
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Dear Dr. Grace:

Please refer to L. M. Mills's letter to J. P. O'Reilly dated October 5, 1984 which provided our response to OIE Inspection Report 84-33 for Browns Ferry (BFN). In response Item 5, we indicated locked valve checks would be performed quarterly. This commitment has been implemented, but has required significant man-hours to complete. Since the violation in the subject report, the BFN system status control program has been upgraded to more accurately maintain valve status. Operations Section Instruction Letter 53, "Inspection Program for Locked Valves," provides that locked valves are to be checked for proper position and locking device installation annually. Because of this upgrade and the significant man-hours required to perform the inspection, the commitment should be changed to read, "Locked valve checks will be performed annually to prevent recurrence of this problem." This has been discussed with the resident NRC inspector.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with R. E. Alsup at FTS 858-2725.

To the best of my knowledge, I declare the statements contained herein are complete and true.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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