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TVA-BFN-TS-356

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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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 SPECIFICATION (TS) CHANGE NO. 356 AND  
COST BENEFICIAL LICENSING ACTION 08 - INCREASE IN ALLOWABLE  
MAIN STEAM ISOLATION VALVE (MSIV) LEAKAGE RATE AND REQUEST FOR  
EXEMPTIONS FROM 10 CFR 50, APPENDIX J, OPTION A, SECTIONS  
II.H.4, III.C.2(A), AND III.C.3, 10 CFR 50, APPENDIX J, OPTION  
B, AND 10 CFR 100, APPENDIX A, SECTION VI(A)

The purpose of this letter is to inform NRC of TVA's decision  
to withdraw proposed TS Change No. 356, Increase in Allowable  
MSIV Leakage Rate and Cost Beneficial Licensing Action 08.  
TS-356 was submitted on December 22, 1995 and supplemented by  
TVA letter dated April 12, 1996.

TS-356 was submitted as a pilot application in support of the  
collaborative efforts of the Electric Power Research Institute,  
Nuclear Energy Institute, and the NRC for the implementation of  
the NRC research efforts documented in NUREG-1465, "Accident  
Source Terms for Light-Water Nuclear Power Plants." TVA  
committed substantial resources to the development of the pilot  
application and the April 12, 1996 supplement, which provided  
additional information requested by NRC.

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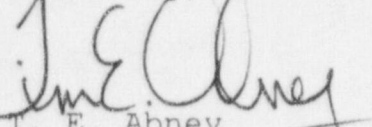
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In a July 28, 1998 letter, NRC informed TVA of the status of the revised source term rulemaking, and provided TVA with a request for additional information which resulted from its initial review of TS-356. TVA was also informed that the staff expects to identify additional questions following the completion of a detailed review. In addition, NRC stated its intent to complete the review of the pilot applications in 1998. Following receipt of the July 28, 1998 letter, TVA reevaluated the estimated engineering and licensing resources which will be required to complete the TS-356 pilot application. TVA has concluded that current site priorities and resource allocations preclude BFN's continued participation in the pilot application project. Consequently, TVA has decided to withdraw TS-356.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please telephone me at (256) 729-2636.

Sincerely,



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