

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONTENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITYDOCKET NOS. 50-259, 50-260 AND 50-296NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has granted A request by the Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee) to withdraw its December 30, 1997, application for an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52 and DPR-68 issued to the licensee for operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN), Units 1, 2 and 3, respectively, located in Limestone County, Alabama. Notice of consideration of issuance of this amendment was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on February 11, 1998 (63 FR 6999).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the BFN Custom Technical specifications (CTS) to remove an identified non-conservatism concerning the number of residual heat removal system service water (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.

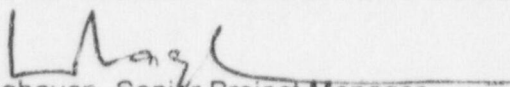
On July 14, 1998, NRC issued Amendment Nos. 234, 253, and 212 to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-69 for BFN Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively, which approved conversion of CTS to Improved Technical Specifications (ITS). These license amendments also approved the licensee's December 30, 1997 proposed CTS change relating to the RHRSW pumps operation. As a result, by letter dated September 18, 1998, the licensee informed the staff that it no longer requires staff action relating to its December 30, 1997 application for CTS change relating to RHRSW pump operation. Thus the licensee's December 30, 1997 application is considered withdrawn by the licensee.

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For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated December 30, 1997, the licensee's September 18, 1998 letter and the staff's letter dated October ,1998, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC and at the local public document room located at the Athens Public Library, 405 E. South Street, Athens, Alabama.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of October 1998.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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