

October 7, 1998

Mr. John A. Scalice
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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2 AND 3 - COMPLETION OF EFFORT AND CLOSURE OF TAC NOS. M92757, M92758, AND M92759

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The Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely

/s/

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