

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONTENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITYDOCKET NO. 50-259NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) has granted a request by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to withdraw its June 2, 1995, application for an amendment to Facility Operating License DPR-33 issued to TVA for the operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, located in Limestone County, Alabama. The application was revised by letter dated March 6, 1997, and was supplemented by letters dated April 11, 1997, and March 13, 1998. Notice of consideration of issuance of this amendment was published in the *Federal Register* on August 16, 1995 (60 FR 42609). The application also requested similar amendments to Facility Operating Licenses DPR-52 and DPR-68 for Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 2 and 3 respectively. The requested actions for Units 2 and 3 have been approved.

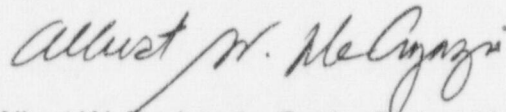
The proposed amendment, submitted in custom Technical Specification (TS) format, would have revised the custom TSs for Unit 1 to include changes associated with the implementation of the Power Range Neutron Monitor (PRNM) upgrade, and to incorporate changes related to the implementation of Average Power Range Monitor (APRM) and Rod Block Monitor technical specification improvements and Maximum Extended Load Line Limit (MELLL) Analysis. A general revision to the application was submitted on March 6, 1997, and parallel changes in Improved TS (ITS) format were submitted on April 11, 1997, and revised by a submittal dated March 13, 1998.

On July 14, 1998, NRC approved the conversion from custom TSs to ITSs (Amendment No. 234) for Unit 1. On October 5, 1998, TVA informed the staff by letter that because the custom TSs are no longer in use, the Unit 1 TS changes previously proposed in custom format for PRNM/MELLL are no longer needed. Also, because TVA has no firm schedule for the restart of Unit 1, the PRNM/MELLL proposed changes in ITS format also are being withdrawn. Furthermore, since TVA does not now have a firm schedule for the restart of Unit 1, any changes associated with the PRNM/MELLL will be resubmitted prior to Unit 1 restart.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated June 2, 1995, and March 6, 1997, and TVA's letters dated April 11, 1997, and March 13, 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.

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