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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of) Docket 50-327
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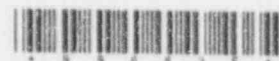
SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT (SQN) - COMMITMENT REGARDING THE
UPDATED FINAL SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT (UFSAR), AMENDMENT 13

- References:
- 1) TVA letter to NRC dated December 6, 1996, "Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN) - Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR), Amendment 12 and 10 CFR 50.59 Report"
 - 2) TVA letter to NRC dated February 12, 1997, "Response to Request for Information Regarding Adequacy, Availability, and Control of Design Bases Information"
 - 3) TVA letter to NRC dated June 3, 1997, "Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN) - Commitment Extension Regarding the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR), Amendment 13"

The purpose of this letter is to provide a status of TVA efforts to correct the UFSAR in response to lessons learned from Millstone. As TVA has indicated previously, TVA expected to complete the review by September 6, 1997. The review is now complete and TVA is prepared to submit a revised document. However, as mutually agreed between TVA and Ron Hernan of your staff, submittal of the UFSAR amendment is being withheld pending an opportunity to discuss the nature of the changes with NRC. In addition, several modifications are currently in progress to

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functionally abandon equipment that was identified in SQN's UFSAR.

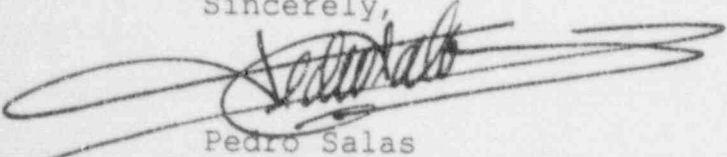
As a result of lessons learned from Millstone, TVA performed a comprehensive review of the SQN UFSAR. This review identified a number of discrepancies and inconsistencies which have been resolved. This UFSAR amendment resolves numerous duplicative entries. TVA identified information that is not appropriate to maintain within the UFSAR. Removal of this information has been consistent with the guidance in Regulatory Guide 1.70 and the Standard Review Plan.

Portions of this UFSAR amendment may be viewed as inconsistent with the position NRC has established in SECY-97-035. For this reason, TVA requested an opportunity to discuss the content of Amendment 13 with NRC staff. In accordance with NRC's request, this meeting will be held upon resolution of the issues identified within SECY-97-035. Please inform us when these issues may be discussed relative to Amendment 13 to SQN's UFSAR. TVA's required update to SQN's UFSAR is due within six months following the end of the Unit 2 Cycle 8 refueling outage (currently scheduled to end in November 1997).

Based upon the completion of the reviews and updates made to the UFSAR to date, TVA is considering the commitment enumerated in References 2 and 3 to be complete.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at (423)843-7170 or J. D. Smith at (423)843-6672.

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