



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

May 21, 1987

The Honorable John D. Dingell, Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am responding to your letter of April 9, 1987 on concerns provided by Mr. Dallas Hicks regarding TVA's nuclear projects. Mr. Hicks had discussed these concerns with Mr. James Keppler, Director of NRC's Office of Special Projects, on March 23, 1987 in Knoxville, Tennessee, and provided additional information on these issues. The NRC staff has been looking into these concerns as part of its review of the TVA projects.

I want to assure you that the concerns raised by Mr. Hicks are being carefully reviewed by the staff. The Commission believes all of the 28 items presented by Mr. Hicks must be resolved to its satisfaction prior to restart of Sequoyah. Staff Safety Evaluation Reports and inspection reports will be issued that address these issues. These will be made available to Mr. Hicks and to the Committee if requested. If resolution of any item is deferred until after restart, we will notify you and provide you with the rationale for the deferral.

Commissioner Roberts did not participate in this response.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rep. Norman F. Lent

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