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Subject: FW: Extension to Level of Effort and Schedule for TVA Request re Exemption from 10 CFR 50.54 and 10 CFR 50.55 (EPID L-2026-LLE-0000)
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Amber,

I am resending the email below to correct two typographical errors. I apologize for the oversight.

Respectfully,
Kim

From: Kimberly Green
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 10:46 AM
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Dear Ms. Aboulfaida:

By letter dated January 12, 2026 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML26012A388), the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) submitted an exemption request for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3, the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, and the Clinch River Nuclear Site Early Site Permit (ESP). The request seeks a schedular exemption from the requirement in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), paragraph 50.54(a)(3) to submit changes to the TVA Quality Assurance Program Description that do not reduce commitments in accordance with the schedule requirements specified in 10 CFR 50.71(e).

In its acceptance review (ML26041A350), the NRC staff estimated that it would take 42 hours to complete the review and that the review could be completed by May 29, 2026. The staff's understanding at that time was the that request only included an exemption from the requirement of 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3), and by extension, 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4).

However, by letter dated April 27, 2026 (ML26117A376), in response to a request for confirmation of information and a request for additional^{ly} information, TVA expanded its request to include an exemption from the requirement in 10 CFR 50.55(f)(4) as it pertains to the Clinch River ESP. In the supplement to the request, TVA stated that the special circumstance in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(iii) applies to the request for exemption from the additional requirement (i.e., 10 CFR 50.55(f)(4)).

Due to the additional requirement for which the exemption is also requested, the NRC staff estimates that up to an additional 80 hours will be needed to complete its review and the date for completion is being extended to December 18, 2026. The reason for the change in hours and schedule is because the NRC staff must expand its review and technical evaluation, part of which is the appropriateness of the special circumstance offered by TVA. One of the special circumstances in 10 CFR 50.12, if deemed appropriate, would require consultation by Executive Director for Operations with the Commission. To account for this possibility, the NRC staff is extending the schedule to December 18, 2026.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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