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ATTN: Document Control Desk U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

> Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 3 Facility Operating License No. DPR-68 NRC Docket No. 50-296

Subject:

Removal of Four Welds from Relief Request 3-ISI-25

References:

- 1. TVA Letter to NRC, "American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Section XI Inservice Inspection Program for the Unit 3 Third Ten-Year Inspection Interval, Request for Relief 3-ISI-25," dated January 21, 2011
- 2. NRC Letter to TVA, "Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 3 -Request for Additional Information Regarding Relief Request 3-ISI-25 (TAC No. ME5400)," dated June 9, 2011
- 3. TVA Letter to NRC, "Response to NRC Request for Additional Information Regarding Relief Request 3-ISI-25," dated July 18, 2011

On January 21, 2011, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) submitted request for relief 3-ISI-25 for Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 3 (Reference 1). On June 9, 2011, the NRC transmitted a request for additional information (RAI) (Reference 2). On July 18, 2011, TVA responded to the NRC RAI (Reference 3).

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For reasons discussed with the NRC in a teleconference on September 21, 2011, TVA is removing the welds listed below from Relief Request 3-ISI-25.

Weld No.	Description
DRHR-3-03	Valve to Flued Head
DRHR-3-12	Valve to Flued Head
HPCI-3-002-002	Pipe to Valve
HPCI-3-002-003	Pipe to Valve

There are no new regulatory commitments contained in this letter. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to Henry Lee at (423) 751-2683.

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