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Dear Mr. McNees,

We are very close to issuing amendments to the Brown Ferry Unit 1 license. This is in response to the Tennessee Valley Authority (licensee)'s application for an **exigent amendment** dated August 14, 2012, as supplemented by letters dated August 21 and September 6, 2013.

The amendment deletes the Notes that cover the Reactor Coolant System (RCS) Pressure and Temperature (P/T) Limit curves on TS 3.4.9, "RCS Pressure and Temperatures (P/T) Limits," Figures 3.4.9-1 and 3.4.9-2 are valid for 16 Effective Full-Power Years (EFPY) of operation. The current Notes state: "Do Not Use This Figure. This curve applies to operations > [greater than] 12 EFPY. For current operation, use previous curve, which is valid up to 12 EFPY." Therefore, to use the correct and previously approved P/T limit curves that are applicable up to 16 EFPY of operation, the Notes must be removed from TS Figures 3.4.9-1 and 3.4.9-2.

BFN Unit 1 operation is expected to reach 12 EFPY on September 20, 2013. Once 12 EFPY is achieved, BFN Unit 1 will not be allowed to continue operation in Mode 1 (i.e., critical operation) and a unit shutdown will be required unless the Notes are removed. The licensee requested this proposed TS change under exigent circumstances in accordance with Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations Section 50.91(a)(6).

In addition, the amendment corrects the page header for these figures. The amendment changes current page header "Reactor Steam Dome Pressure," which is the title for TS 3.4.10, to "RCS P/T Limits."

Please let us know if you have any comments on behalf of the State of Alabama for the above amendments.

Regards,

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