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Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3  
Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-68  
NRC Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296

Subject: **Presentation Slides for Closed Meeting on Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant  
Planned Submittal of Extended Power Uprate (EPU) License  
Amendment Request (TAC Nos. MF4851, MF4852, and MF4853)**

References: 1. Meeting Notice from NRC, "Forthcoming Closed Meeting with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) on Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Planned Submittal of Extended Power Uprate (EPU) License Amendment Request (TAC Nos. MF4851, MF4852, AND MF4853)," dated April 8, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15097A230)

By memorandum dated April 8, 2015 (Reference 1), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) scheduled a closed meeting with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for April 22, 2015. The purpose of the meeting was for TVA to provide information regarding the steam dryer replacement for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) for its planned extended power uprate (EPU).

Enclosures 1 and 4 to this letter contain the slides and supplemental slides, respectively, presented at the April 22, 2015 closed meeting with the NRC. Enclosures 1 and 4 contain information that GE Hitachi (GEH) considers to be proprietary in nature and subsequently, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390, "Public inspections, exceptions, request for withholding," paragraph (a)4, it is requested that such information be withheld from public disclosure. Enclosures 2 and 5 contain the non-proprietary version of the slides and supplemental slides, respectively, and are suitable for public disclosure. Enclosures 3 and 6 provide the affidavits supporting the request for withholding of Enclosures 1 and 4, respectively.

There are no new regulatory commitments contained in this submittal. Please address any questions regarding this submittal to Mr. Edward D. Schrull at (423) 751-3850.

Respectfully,



J. W. Shea  
Vice President, Nuclear Licensing

Enclosures:

1. GEH Slides for TVA Presentation to the NRC in Support of Steam Dryer Replacement, GEH Proprietary Information (Enclosure 1 to GEH Letter No. 175528-011, Revision 1)
2. GEH Slides for TVA Presentation to the NRC in Support of Steam Dryer Replacement, Non-Proprietary Information (Enclosure 2 to GEH Letter No. 175528-011, Revision 1)
3. GEH Affidavit Supporting the Request to Withhold GEH Proprietary Information (included in Enclosure 1) from the Public (Enclosure 3 to GEH Letter No. 175528-011, Revision 1)
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cc (Enclosures):

NRC Regional Administrator – Region II  
NRC Senior Resident Inspector – Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant  
NRC Project Manager - Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

**ENCLOSURE 2**

**GEH Slides for TVA Presentation to the NRC in Support of Steam Dryer Replacement,  
Non-Proprietary Information**

ENCLOSURE 2

GE Letter No. 175528-011, Revision 1

GEH Slides for TVA Presentation to the NRC in Support of Steam Dryer  
Replacement

Non-Proprietary Information

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# Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Replacement Steam Dryers

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Gerry Doyle

Director EPU

April 22, 2015

# Agenda

- Introductions G. Doyle
- Overview and Background G. Doyle
- Browns Ferry Replacement Steam Dryer Design P. Donahue
- Browns Ferry Replacement Steam Dryer Analysis P. Donahue
- Browns Ferry Replacement Steam Dryer Power Ascension Monitoring P. Donahue
- Browns Ferry Replacement Steam Dryer Inspection Plan P. Donahue
- Questions/Comments G. Doyle

# Overview and Background

- New Replacement Steam Dryers (RSDs) will be installed in all three Browns Ferry Units
  - To resolve any issues that existing steam dryers may have under EPU conditions
    - Previous submittals, now withdrawn, had over 260 RAIs associated with steam dryers
    - New EPU License Amendment Request (LAR) submittal will address previous issues , look to minimize RAIs, and support NRC approval
- Current strategy and design complies with existing and contemporary regulatory requirements
- Contracted with GEH to build our RSDs as they are the Original Equipment Manufacturer and have experience in other recent RSDs
- We are here to present an overview of our RSDs design, analysis, monitoring plan and inspection plan with an expectation that NRC fully understands the RSD information we plan to submit as part of our EPU LAR
- Presenter is Pete Donahue, Senior Manager for EPU Engineering
  - Supported by GEH personnel

# BFN Replacement Steam Dryer

- Based on the curved hood six bank prototype replacement dryer first used in a BWR/4 reactor.
- Design is significantly more robust than the original steam dryer it replaces.
- BFN acoustic load definition developed using MSL acoustic pressure measurements taken at the three Browns Ferry units.
- The FIV fatigue evaluation and primary stress methodologies used for BFN RSD analysis has been reviewed in detail on BWR/6 RSD and ESBWR projects.
- Analyzed for the applicable primary structural loads for normal operation and for transient and accident conditions.





# Browns Ferry RSD Design



# EPU Replacement Dryer Experience

Successful operating history for replacement dryers at EPU

- Quad Cities Units 1/2 RSD
- Dresden Units 2/3 RSD
- Susquehanna Units 1/2 RSD
- Grand Gulf RSD
- Vermont Yankee original dryer with modifications

# Steam Dryer Structural Design Timeline

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# BFN Replacement Dryer Design

- Based on the curved hood six bank prototype replacement dryer first used in a BWR/4 reactor.
- Design is significantly more robust than the original steam dryer it replaces.
- Both the Browns Ferry reactor vessel and the BWR/4 reactor vessel where the BWR/4 prototype RSD was installed have the same internal diameter; so in essence,  
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# BFN Replacement Dryer Design

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- Changes to prototype dryer design
  - Dryer/vessel interface changes
  - Address OE lessons learned
  - Stress reduction

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# BFN RSD Design Improvement

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# Browns Ferry RSD Analysis



# BFN RSD Analysis Overview

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# Browns Ferry RSD Load Definition



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# Potential SRV Resonance Frequencies

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# SRV Resonance Fundamental Frequency

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# MSL Acoustic Mode Interaction

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# Postulated SRV Resonances

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# SRV Adders for Design Load Definition

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# EPU SRV Scale Factor

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# Browns Ferry RSD FIV Analysis



# BFN RSD Finite Element Model

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# BFN-Specific Design Improvements

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# BFN RSD FEM Mesh Convergence

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# BFN RSD Fatigue Analysis Results

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# Browns Ferry RSD Primary Stress Evaluation



# BFN RSD Primary Stress Evaluation

- The steam dryer is a non-safety related item and is classified as an Internal Structure as defined in ASME Subsection NG, Paragraph NG-1122.
  - The steam dryer is not an ASME Code component, [[
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Non-Proprietary Information – Class I (Public)

Load Case	Service Conditions	Operating Condition	Load Combination
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BFN RSD  
 Primary Stress  
 Analysis Load  
 Combinations

# BFN RSD Primary Stress Results

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# Browns Ferry RSD Power Ascension Monitoring



# BFN Power Ascension Monitoring

- The BFN lead unit is classified as a [[  
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- Power ascension monitoring process similar to previous RSD projects
- BFN Lead Unit
  - Both RSD and MSLs instrumented
  - Monitor using strain gauges, on-dryer pressure transducers, and accelerometer

# BFN Power Ascension Monitoring

- BFN Lead Unit (continued)

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- Confirmatory structural analysis for lead unit at EPU [[

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- Follow-on Units

- MSLs instrumented

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- Confirmatory structural evaluation based on MSL measurements

# BFN RSD Instrumentation Locations

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# [[ BFN RSD Instrumentation

# BFN On-dryer Acceptance Limits

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# BFN MSL Acceptance Limits

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# BFN Lead Unit CLTP Evaluation

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# BFN Lead Unit Test Plan

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# BFN Power Ascension Monitoring

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# BFN RSD Inspection Plan

- During the first two scheduled refueling outages after reaching EPU conditions, a visual inspection will be conducted on the replacement steam dryer for each unit. The inspection plan will be consistent with the industry guidance. The inspection plan will include all accessible exterior and interior critical locations identified in the vibration and stress analyses for the Browns Ferry RSDs.



# Acronyms



## Non-Proprietary Information – Class I (Public)

Short Form	Description
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASR	Alternating Stress Ratio
AVS	Acoustic Vibration Suppressor
BFN	Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant
BWR	Boiling Water Reactor
CLTP	Current Licensed Thermal Power
DP	Differential Pressure
DW	Deadweight
EPU	Extended Power Uprate
FE	Finite Element
FEM	Finite Element Model
FIV	Flow Induced Vibration
FRF	Frequency Response Function
HF	High Frequency
IN	Information Notice
LAR	License Amendment Request
LF	Low Frequency
MASR	Minimum alternating stress ratio

Short Form	Description
MPC	Multi Point Constraint
MSL	Main Steam Line
MSLB	Main Steam Line Break
OBE	Operating Basis Earthquake
PBLE	Plant Based Load Evaluation
PBLE01	PBLE Input On-Dryer Based
PBLE02	PBLE Input MSL Based
PSD	Power Spectral Density
RMS	Root-Mean-Squared
RPV	Reactor Pressure Vessel
RSD	Replacement Steam Dryer
SDAR	Steam Dryer Analysis Report
SG	Strain Gauge
SRV	Safety Relief Valve
SSE	Safe Shutdown Earthquake
TSV	Turbine Stop Valve
VFD	Variable Frequency Drive
VPF	Vane Passing Frequency

Thank you!

Questions?

Comments?



**ENCLOSURE 3**

**GEH Affidavit Supporting the Request to Withhold GEH Proprietary Information  
(included in Enclosure 1) from the Public**

ENCLOSURE 3

GEH Letter No. 175528-011, Revision 1

GEH Affidavit

## AFFIDAVIT

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

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**ENCLOSURE 5**

**Supplemental GEH Slides for TVA Presentation to the NRC in Support of Steam Dryer Replacement, Non-Proprietary Information**

ENCLOSURE 2

GE Letter No. 175528-011, Revision 2

Supplemental GEH Slides for TVA Presentation to the NRC in  
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# BFN SDAR Report Format

Main Body – BFN-Specific Analyses and Results

Appendix A – Overall Dryer Analysis Methodology

Appendix B – PBLE01 On-dryer Based Load Definition Model Description

Appendix C – PBLE02 MSL-Based Load Definition Model Description

Appendix D – Supporting BFN Analysis Inputs and Results

Appendix E – Power Ascension Test Plan and Limit Curves



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**ENCLOSURE 6**

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