

October 8, 1998

Mr. John A. Scalice
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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2 AND 3 - COMPLETION OF
EFFORT AND CLOSURE OF TAC NOS. MA0516, MA0517, AND MA0518

Dear Mr. Scalice:

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On July 14, 1998, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) issued Amendment Nos. 234, 253, and 212 to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-69 for BFN, Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively, which approved conversion of CTS to Improved Technical Specifications (ITS). These license amendments also approved your December 30, 1997 proposed CTS change relating to the RHRSW pumps operation. Subsequently, by letter dated September 18, 1998, TVA informed the staff that it no longer required staff action on the December 30, 1997 application for CTS change relating to RHRSW pump operation. Thus your December 30, 1997 application is considered withdrawn, and our review effort under technical assignment control (TAC) Nos. MA0516, MA0517, and MA0518 is considered complete and the TACs are closed.

The Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely

/s/

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Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296

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