September 23, 1999

Mr. J. A. Scalice Chief Nuclear Officer and Executive Vice President Tennessee Valley Authority 6A Lookout Place 1101 Market Street Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS - SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, REGARDING USE OF SPARE INVERTERS (TAC NOS. MA6067 AND MA6068) (TS 99-06)

Dear Mr. Scalice:

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A copy of the Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's next biweekly <u>Federal Register</u> notice.

Sincerely, Original signed by: Ronald W. Hernan, Sr. Project Manager, Section 2 Project Directorate II Division of Licensing Project Management Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328

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