

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONBEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of	)	
	)	Docket Nos. 50-390-CivP; 50-327-CivP
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY	)	50-328-CivP; 50-259-CivP
(Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1	)	50-260-CivP; 50-296-CivP
Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 & 2	)	50-260-CivP; 50-296-CivP
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1,2 &3)	)	
	)	ASLBP No. 01-791-01-CivP
	)	
	)	EA 99-234

NRC STAFF'S APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAINTRODUCTION

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.720(a) of the Commission's regulations, the Staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Staff) requests that the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board), designated in the above-captioned proceeding, issue a subpoena, attached hereto, requiring a certain individual, named below, to attend and give testimony at a deposition.

DISCUSSION

The Staff requests the Board to issue a subpoena for Ben Easley in order to ensure the Staff's ability to depose this individual on the date specified. Mr. Easley is a retired employee of the licensee, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), and his testimony is relevant to the issues raised by this enforcement action. Mr. Easley is a former Human Resources officer at TVA and was involved in the decisions surrounding the 1996 reorganization which left Gary Fiser without a job. Mr. Easley provided testimony to both the Department of Labor (DOL) investigator and the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) special agent in this case. His testimony before DOL and OI indicate that his testimony will provide relevant information on the processes TVA uses in determining whether a position should be posted, as well as information on the selection review

board that was utilized in the reorganization. In addition, Mr. Easley can provide testimony as to the reasons that TVA decided to post Mr. Fiser's position, but determined that Dr. Wilson McArthur could be transferred into a position without posting that position. The issuance of a subpoena will assure that the Staff is able to depose this key witness.

CONCLUSION

For the above stated reasons, the Staff requests the Board to issue the attached subpoena to Ben Easley.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland  
this 1st day of November, 2001.

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