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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of) Docket No. 50-328
Tennessee Valley Authority)

**SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT (SQN) - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION (TS) CHANGE 01-10, "ONE-TIME
FREQUENCY EXTENSION FOR TYPE A TEST (CONTAINMENT INTEGRATED
LEAK RATE TEST [CILRT])"**

- Reference:
1. Letter from TVA to NRC dated October 9, 2001, "Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN) - Unit 2 - Technical Specification (TS) Change No. 01-10, 'One-Time Frequency Extension for Type A Test (Containment Integrated Leak Rate Test [CILRT])' "
 2. Letter from TVA to the NRC dated August 31, 2001, "Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN) - Response to Request for Additional information (RAI) Regarding Risk Informed Inservice Inspection (RI-ISI) Program"

This letter provides information to support NRC review and approval of the subject TS change for SQN Unit 2.

By Reference 1, TVA requested a TS amendment that proposed a 5-year extension to the current 10-year test interval for the SQN Unit 2 CILRT. Additional information was provided by TVA's Referenced 2 letter. TVA's TS amendment for SQN was the first ice condenser plant to submit such a request. Based on discussion between TVA and NRC, it is our understanding that the NRC is not ready to approve a

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five-year extension for ice condenser plant design until more time is available to fully address the unique design characteristics of an ice condenser plant. These issues are also being addressed as part of ongoing Nuclear Energy Institute efforts regarding plant CILRT interval extensions. Based on the above discussion, TVA is requesting NRC approval to defer performance of the Unit 2 CILRT for one operating cycle (until Fall 2003).

This letter is being sent in accordance with NRC RIS 2001-05. Please direct questions concerning this issue to me at (423) 843-7170 or J. D. Smith at (423) 843-6672.

Sincerely,



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Subscribed and sworn to before me
on this 11th day of April



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My Commission Expires: October 9, 2002

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