

July 3, 2006

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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 3 — WITHDRAWAL OF RELIEF
REQUESTS REGARDING THIRD INTERVAL INSERVICE INSPECTION
REQUIREMENTS OF THE ASME CODE (TAC NOS. MC8790 AND MC8792)

Dear Mr. Singer:

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The purpose of this letter is to advise that the above cited applications are being treated as withdrawn. This completes the NRC Staff's review of Relief Requests 3-PDI-2 and 3-ISI-16 submittals under TAC Nos. MC8790 and MC8792.

Sincerely,

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