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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 —CHANGES TO  
EXTENDED POWER UPRATE REVIEW SCHEDULE (TAC NOS. MC3812,  
MC3743, AND MC3744) (TS-431 AND TS-418)

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Because the outstanding information was not provided as scheduled, there is insufficient time for the NRC staff to complete the review and support the scheduled ACRS presentations. Therefore, the NRC staff will not have sufficient information to complete its safety evaluation as scheduled, so the ACRS meetings for Browns Ferry will be delayed at least a month. Once complete acceptable responses are received, you will be notified of the new date for the EPU presentations to the ACRS subcommittee and full committee.

Even with these delays, the NRC staff should be able to complete the EPU review to support your requested restart of Unit 1 in May 2007 if TVA provides timely and complete information to staff questions. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Margaret Chernoff at 301-415-4041 or Ms. Eva Brown at 301-415-2315.

Sincerely,

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