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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-68
NRC Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296

Subject: Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

- Reference:**
1. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated June 8, 2012
 2. Letter from the Tennessee Valley Authority to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2011-04, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated July 11, 2011

Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2012-07 (Reference 1) requested specific information regarding the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant's (BFN) projected operator licensing examination schedules and the estimated number of applicants. The enclosure to this letter addresses NRC's request and provides an estimate of the examination requirements for BFN on NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data." Please note that the information provided in the enclosure revises the information previously provided in Reference 2.

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There are no regulatory commitments associated with this submittal. If you have any questions related to this response, please contact Jeffrey S. Dills at (256) 729-2824.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. W. Shea".

for
J. W. Shea
Vice President, Nuclear Licensing

Enclosure: Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07,
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

cc (Enclosure):

Regional Administrator – Region II
NRC Senior Resident Inspector - Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

Enclosure

**Tennessee Valley Authority
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant
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**NRC Form 536
Operator Licensing Examination Data**

NRC FORM 536 (9-2011)	U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION	APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131	EXPIRES: 09/30/2014					
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA		Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Information Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to InfoCollects.Resource@nrc.gov , and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.						
FACILITY BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT 50-259, 50-260, 50-296			NRC REGION NRC Region II					
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2016</u>	<u>CY 2016</u>	<u>CY 2017</u>	<u>CY _____</u>				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	2	2	1					
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0					
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2016</u>	<u>CY 2016</u>	<u>CY 2017</u>	<u>CY _____</u>				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	8	8	8					
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	2	2	2					
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	3	2					
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0					
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE	May 2016	November 2016	August 2017					
ALTERNATE DATE	June 2016	December 2016	Sept. 2017					
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY _____</u>				<u>CY _____</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES								