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Subject: Accepted for Review of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 2 Request to Use ASME Code Case N-836 (TAC MF3462)

Mr. Arent,

By letter dated February 10, 2014 (ADAMS NO. ML14045A299), TVA submitted the subject Request for an Alternative to ASME Code for Watts Bar Unit 2, per 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i). The proposed relief request would allow TVA to use the provisions of ASME Code Case N-836, "Heat Exchanger Tube Mechanical Plugging, Class 1 Section III, Division 1," as part of the construction activities associated with the Steam Generators in Watts Bar Unit 2. The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this relief request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me or the Watts Bar Unit 2 senior project manager, Justin Poole.

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