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Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1  
Facility Operating License No. NPF-90  
NRC Docket No. 50-390

Subject: **Revised Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2013-06, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations**

- References:
1. NRC Letter to TVA, "Confirmation of Requested Initial Operator License Examinations for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant," dated March 5, 2014
  2. TVA letter to NRC, "Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2013-06 - Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated July 19, 2013

In Reference 1, the NRC confirmed TVA's projected operator licensing examination schedules and the estimated number of applicants based on the information provided in Reference 2 for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1. The enclosure to this letter provides a revision to the initial operator examination schedules previously provided in Reference 2 and the reason for the change.

There are no new regulatory commitments associated with this submittal. If you have any questions, please contact Walter Smith, Operations Training Manager at (423) 365-8081 or Gordon Arent, Director of Watts Bar Site Licensing, at (423) 365-2004.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Church".

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**Enclosure**

**Revised NRC Form 536  
Operator Licensing Examination Data**

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## **Enclosure**

### **Revised NRC Form 536 Operator Licensing Examination Data**

The attached NRC 536 Form was revised to reflect changes in the projected operator licensing examination schedules and the estimated number of applicants needed to support anticipated operational requirements for fiscal years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The reason for the change in the date and number of applicants for fiscal year 2015 from 17 to 8 was due to changes in the TVA Business Plan which reduced the number of candidates scheduled to take the initial license operator exams to 10. Of those 10 candidates 2 were subsequently removed for academic reasons.

The reason for the change in the number of applicants for fiscal year 2016 from 23 to 11 was due to only 11 external candidates accepting job offers.

The reason for the change in the date and number of applicants for fiscal year 2017 from none to 12 is due to TVA being 12 candidates short of meeting its goal for fiscal year 2016.

The reason for the change in the date and number of applicants for fiscal year 2018 from 23 to 18 is due to changes in the TVA Business Plan.

The reasons for the changes to the GFE schedule are as follows:

Month	CY	Comments
September	2014	3 candidates need to take the PWR GFE
December	2015	12 candidates added due to TVA being 12 candidates short of meeting its goal

**OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATION DATA**

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**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2015</u>	<u>CY 2016</u>	<u>CY 2017</u>	<u>CY 2018</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2015</u>	<u>CY 2016</u>	<u>CY 2017</u>	<u>CY 2018</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	7	11	0	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	1	0	12	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	0	0	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	7/20/15	7/18/16	7/10/17	7/16/18
ALTERNATE DATE	8/10/15	8/15/16	8/7/17	8/13/18

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2014</u>				<u>CY 2015</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			3					12