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SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 - WITHDRAWAL OF
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, SECTION XI CODE,
INSERVICE INSPECTION (ISI) PROGRAM, REQUEST FOR RELIEF ISI-44
(TAC NOS. MF3538, MF3539, AND MF3540)

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The purpose of this letter is to advise that the above-cited relief request is being treated as withdrawn.

Sincerely,

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