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

Subject: **Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2016-09, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations**

- Reference:
1. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Regulatory Issue Summary 2016-09, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated June 16, 2016
 2. Letter from the Tennessee Valley Authority to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2015-05, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations," dated May 22, 2015.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Regulatory Issues Summary (RIS) 2016-09 (Reference 1) requested specific information regarding the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) projected operator licensing examination schedules and the estimated number of applicants. By letter dated May 22, 2015 (Reference 2), the Tennessee Valley Authority provided an estimate of the examination requirements for BFN on NRC Form 536, "Operator Licensing Examination Data." This letter revises the estimates previously provided by Reference 2, and provides applicant estimates through 2021.

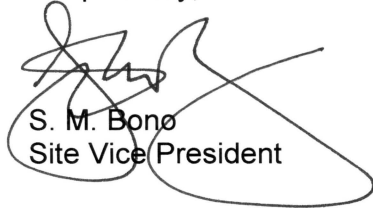
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There are no new regulatory commitments associated with this submittal. Should you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Christopher L. Vaughn at (256) 729-3439.

Respectfully,



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Enclosure: Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2016-09, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

cc (w/ Enclosure):

NRC Regional Administrator - Region II

ENCLOSURE

**Tennessee Valley Authority
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant
Units 1, 2, and 3**

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Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations**

See Enclosed



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 FOIA, Privacy, and Information Collections 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

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE


PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>	CY <u>2018</u>	CY <u>2019</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	1	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>	CY <u>2018</u>	CY <u>2019</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	0	6	4
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	5	8	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	7	2	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	N/A	04/10/2017	06/10/2018	04/08/2019
ALTERNATE DATE	N/A	SCHEDULED	07/15/2018	05/13/2019

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2016</u>				CY <u>2017</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES				14			10	

NRC FORM 536 (01-2015)	U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA	APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131 EXPIRES: 10/31/2017 <small>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 FOIA, Privacy, and Information Collections 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.</small>						
FACILITY		NRC REGION						
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2020</u>	<u>CY 2021</u>	<u>CY _____</u>	<u>CY _____</u>				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1						
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0						
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2020</u>	<u>CY 2021</u>	<u>CY _____</u>	<u>CY _____</u>				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	5	5						
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	6	6						
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2	2						
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0						
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE	04/13/2020	04/12/2021						
ALTERNATE DATE	05/11/2020	05/10/2021						
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2018</u>				<u>CY 2019</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			11				11	