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**Subject:** Acceptance review for Watts Bar - Adopt TSTF-266-A, Revision 3 (EPID No. L-2018-LLA-0209)  
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Russ,

By letter dated August 1, 2018 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML18213A120), the Tennessee Valley Authority submitted a license amendment request (LAR) to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-90 and NPF-96 for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN), Units 1 and 2, respectively. The proposed amendment would revise the WBN, Units 1 and 2 Technical Specifications (TS) to adopt Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Traveler 266-A, Revision 3, "Eliminate the Remote Shutdown System Table of Instrumentation and Controls." TSTF- 266-A relocates WBN Units 1 and 2 TS Table 3.3.4-1, "Remote Shutdown System Instrumentation and Controls," to the TS Bases, where changes can be administered under the provisions of TS 5.6, "TS Bases Control Program."

The purpose of this email is to provide you with the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of the LAR. 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 request 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 proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and 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.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that it will take approximately 270 hours to complete the LAR. The NRC staff expects to complete its reviews by September 2019. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates, will be communicated during routine interactions with the assigned project manager.

These estimates are based on the NRC staff's initial review of the application and they could change, due to several factors including requests for additional information, unanticipated addition of scope to the review, and review by NRC advisory committees or hearing-related activities.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-7410.

Thanks,

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