

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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400 Chestnut Street Tower II

August 6, 1979

TVA BFNP TS 128

Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

In the Matter of the  
Tennessee Valley Authority

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Docket Nos. 50-259  
50-260  
50-290

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR Part 50.59, we are enclosing 40 copies of a requested amendment to licenses DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-68 to change the technical specifications of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant units 1, 2, and 3 (Enclosure 1). These changes would allow a partial tensioning of the reactor pressure vessel head bolts at 70°F and would allow nuclear heat to be utilized above 100°F, decreasing pressure vessel and coolant heatup time. Justification for these proposed changes is included (Enclosure 2). These proposed specifications will shorten the time required for pressure vessel boltup and primary coolant system heatup after refueling. We would appreciate approval of these proposed changes by November 1, 1979, to facilitate the startup of Browns Ferry unit 3, now scheduled for the middle of November 1979.

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 170.22, we have determined these proposed amendments to be Class III for unit 1 and Class I for units 2 and 3. These classifications are based on the facts that the proposed amendment for unit 1 involves a single safety issue which does not involve a significant hazard consideration and the proposed amendments for units 2 and 3 are duplicates of the unit 1 proposed amendment. The remittance for \$4800 (\$4000 for unit 1 and \$800 for units 2 and 3) is being wired to the NRC, Attention: Licensing Fee Management Branch.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

*L. M. Mills*  
L. M. Mills, Manager

Nuclear Regulation and Safety

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 6 day of August 1979.

*Lisa Bradbury*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires Oct. 4, 1981

Enclosures

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