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Mr. Donald E. Sells, Acting Branch Chief  
Environmental Project Branch 2  
Division of Site Safety and Environmental Analysis  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Re: 4-2-80-A-9

Dear Mr. Sells:

We have reviewed the proposed construction of transmission lines in conjunction with the Phipps Bend Nuclear Plant in Hawkins, Sullivan, and Washington Counties, Tennessee, as requested by letter of October 5, 1979, received October 14, 1979.

Based on our records, it is our belief that there are no federally listed or proposed Endangered or Threatened plant or animal species in the impact area of the project, and that the requirements of Section 7(c) are fulfilled. In view of this, we believe that you have satisfied the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

This letter does not constitute a consultation as required by Section 7(a) of the Act nor a biological opinion of the Fish and Wildlife Service. It is intended only as a response to your request under Section 7(c) relative to biological assessments. If this plan is substantially modified so as to alter the impact area of the project, you must reconsider your obligations under Section 7(c) of the Act.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Regional Director

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