

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. L. S. Rubenstein, Acting Chief
Light Water Reactors Branch No. 4
Division of Project Management
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Rubenstein:

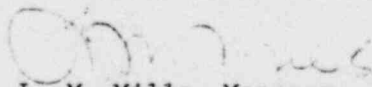
In the Matter of the Application of)
Tennessee Valley Authority) Docket No. 327

In a June 28, 1979, letter from J. E. Gilleland to S. A. Varga, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) requested that the latest completion date specified in Construction Permit No. CPPR-72 for Sequoyah Nuclear Plant unit 1 be extended to January 1, 1980. This date was selected based on TVA's best estimate for completion of unit 1 construction with an allowance for contingency and on TVA's expectation of the issuance of an operating license by the NRC before January 1, 1980. TVA has received no formal response to this request.

Unit 1 of the Sequoyah plant became ready for fuel loading on November 15, 1979, but no operating license has yet been issued. Because of the commissioners' recent announcement on issuance of new nuclear plant licenses, it appears that NRC will not issue an operating license for Sequoyah before January 1, 1980. TVA has scheduled certain construction work, not required before fuel loading, which will not be completed before January 1. Accordingly, we request a further extension of Construction Permit No. CPPR-72 to provide a sufficient contingency until such time as NRC resumes licensing new nuclear plants.

Very truly yours,

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L. M. Mills, Manager
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