

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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400 Chestnut Street Tower II

August 28, 1981

TVA-SNP-TS-13



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) Docket No. 50-327
Tennessee Valley Authority)

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59 and as requested by D. G. Eisenhower's letter dated November 20, 1980, my letter to you dated April 9, 1981 submitted a request for a license amendment to change the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant unit 1 technical specifications. This change would revise technical specification 3/4.7.9. to implement new hydraulic and mechanical snubber surveillance requirements. On April 17, 1981 we met with H. Shaw and M. Virgilio of your staff to discuss the proposed amendment. As a result of the meeting, we agreed to revise our proposal pursuant to NRC's comments. Enclosed is our revised proposed amendment. Please note that this technical specification has already been implemented on Sequoyah unit 2.

In our meeting with your staff we agreed to visual inspection of all snubbers and retention of service life monitoring records for the duration of the operating license. We consider these to be interim requirements until better bases can be established for their reduction or deletion. We may at some future time request further revision to these requirements. Additionally, we agreed to develop performance change information to establish functional test methods to be used during and after the first refueling outage. Before the first refueling outage we will provide you with this information and propose any necessary technical specification changes.

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Mr. Harold R. Denton

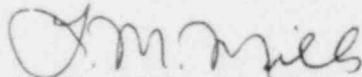
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In addition to our meeting with your staff, we discussed the proposed technical specification format for listing snubbers with R. Kiessel (NRC-OIE). As a result of these discussions, we have reformatted the tables which list the snubbers and reduced their bulk considerably.

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 170.22, we have determined this proposed amendment to be Class III. This classification is based on the fact that the proposed amendment involves a single safety issue which does not involve a significant hazard consideration. The remittance of \$4,000 was wired to the NRC, Attention: Licensing Fee Management Branch, as stated in my letter to you dated April 9, 1981.

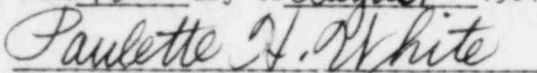
Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY



L. M. Mills, Manager
Nuclear Regulation and Safety

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 28th day of August 1981



Notary Public

My Commission Expires 9-5-84

Enclosure