

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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January 28, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Denton:

In the Matter of the)
Tennessee Valley Authority)

Docket Nos. 50-259

This letter confirms a telephone discussion with R. J. Clark and W. Brooks of your staff regarding NRC staff review of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant unit 1 reload 5 license amendment request. In that discussion your staff agreed that a period of 45-days for NRC staff review of the core related portion of the license amendment request would be acceptable instead of the customary 90-day period. As agreed to in that discussion, the portion of the license amendment request unrelated to the core will be submitted in time to allow a 90-day review.

As stated in that discussion, our original planned licensing schedule allowed a 90-day review by NRC. However, increases in recent outage lengths have created a need to increase the length of operating cycle 6 for Browns Ferry unit 1. To do this, TVA had to negotiate increases in cycle energy requirements for the unit 1 reload 5 core loading with General Electric Company. These changes have caused a slip in finalization of the unit 1 reload core design. As a result of the schedule slip, the period for NRC review must be reduced to 45 days.

For your staff's information and manpower planning, Browns Ferry unit 1 is presently scheduled to shutdown mid-April 1983 with startup projected for late August 1983. Submittal of the license amendment request for core reload is planned for early July. The request for all other changes to the license needed to accommodate that reload is planned for submittal in late May.

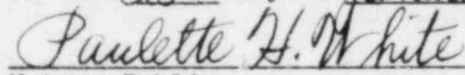
Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY


L. M. Mills, Manager
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Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 28th day of January 1983.


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