



TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37401

July 31, 1975

Mr. Benard C. Rusche
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Rusche:

Subject: TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY - BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT
UNIT 1 - DOCKET NO. 50-259 - FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE
DPR-33 - ABNORMAL OCCURRENCE REPORT BFAO-50-259/753W
(AMENDMENT TO FOLLOWUP REPORT)

In the followup report to abnormal occurrence BFAO-50-259/753W submitted with my letter of May 16, 1975, a statement was made that we would like to clarify. Change the last two sentences under the Designation of Apparent Cause of Occurrence to read:

Also, the characteristics of the pilot valve show that the pilot seating force is a minimum in the range 750 to 900 psig; and logically, when the leakage is sufficient to cause a pressure buildup in the second-stage piston chamber, this unbalances the pilot valve and forces it open. We are unable to determine the reason for the initiation of the pilot leakage nor can we determine the length of time the pilot valve was leaking.

We hope this clarifies what we think may be occurring to cause premature blowdown.

Very truly yours,

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