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Gentlemen:

In the Matter of)
Tennessee Valley Authority)

Docket No. 50-296

**BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - UNIT 3, CYCLE 7 - POWER
ASCENSION TEST PROGRAM (PATP) START-UP REPORT**

The purpose of this letter is to provide the BFN Unit 3, Cycle 7 Start-up Report to NRC as required by BFN Technical Specification Section 6.9.1.1. The PATP refueling operations were performed during the period August 11, 1995 through December 14, 1995.

Testing has been satisfactorily completed as defined within the scope of the BFN Unit 3 PATP. Completed tests met performance criteria or had test deficiencies issued which were satisfactorily dispositioned.

Test results show that BFN Unit 3 systems are capable of meeting design functions. Further, power operation can be safely and efficiently continued. There are no known deficiencies that could be detrimental to continued safe plant operation.

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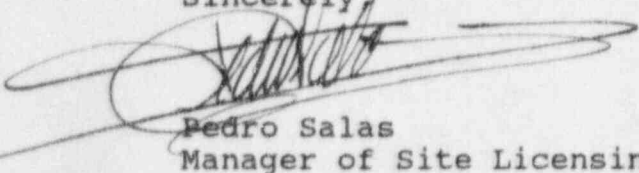
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The Final PATP Startup Report is provided in the Enclosure and detailed test result packages are available for your review.

There are no commitments contained in this correspondence. Please refer any questions to me at (205) 729-2636.

Sincerely,



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UNIT 3

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TEST PROGRAM (PATP) START-UP REPORT

(SEE ATTACHED)