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In the Matter of)	Docket Nos. 50-327
Tennessee Valley Authority)	50-328

SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT (SQN) - NEW FREQUENCY FOR SUBMITTING FINAL SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT (FSAR) UPDATES AND 10 CFR 50.59 REPORTS

- References:
1. TVA letter to NRC dated April 14, 1992, "Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN) - Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR), Amendment 9"
 2. TVA letter to NRC dated March 2, 1992, "Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN) - 1991 Annual Operating Report"

The purpose of this letter is to document TVA's new frequency for submitting SQN FSAR updates and 10 CFR 50.59 reports. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.71, SQN FSAR updates have been submitted to NRC annually. SQN's last FSAR update (Amendment 9) was provided on April 14, 1992, by the Reference 1 letter. SQN's last 10 CFR 50.59 report was provided on March 2, 1992, by the Reference 2 letter.

In response to a recent rule change to 10 CFR 50 entitled "Reducing the Regulatory Burden on Nuclear Licensees" (reference Federal Register, Volume 57, No. 169 dated August 31, 1992), TVA has chosen to change the reporting frequency of FSAR updates and 10 CFR 50.59 reports from once every year to once every refueling cycle. Item 7 of the new rule states: "Updates to the FSAR can be submitted 6 months after each refueling outage, provided the interval between successive updates to the FSAR does not exceed 24 months." Item 6 of the new rule for the 10 CFR 50.59 reports states that the report may be submitted along with the FSAR updates. Based on the above rule change and verbal agreement between TVA Licensing staff and NRC, TVA plans to submit the next SQN FSAR update (Amendment 10) and the 10 CFR 50.59 report within six months

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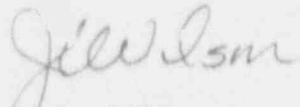
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following the end (i.e., breaker closure to grid) of the Unit 2 Cycle 6 (U2C6) refueling outage (the U2C6 refueling outage is currently scheduled to begin September 17, 1993, and end November 20, 1993). This reporting schedule will remain consistent with the new rule change for not exceeding the 24-month interval between successive FSAR updates. Note that while no explicit frequency limit exists in the new 10 CFR 50.59 reporting requirements (e.g., not to exceed 24 months), the rule making in support of the 50.59 rule change indicates that a similar 24-month interval would be established. For this first interval for SQN, the 50.59 report may exceed this frequency, but will be no later than April 14, 1994.

TVA plans to maintain the new reporting frequency provided by the rule change and will base this frequency on SQN's Unit 2 refueling outages with a refueling outage "end" defined as breaker closure to the grid.

Please direct questions concerning this issue to D. V. Goodin at (615) 843-7734.

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