

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 50-296

NOTICE OF DENIAL OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by the Tennessee Valley Authority, (the licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-68 issued to the licensee for operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) Unit 3, located in Limestone County, Alabama.

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to permit continued operation of BFN Unit 3 for up to 7 days with one reactor coolant recirculation loop out of service. This amendment was submitted on September 15, 1996 as an emergency request under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.91.

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request cannot be granted. The licensee was verbally notified that the request would not be granted on September 15, 1996. Written notification of the Commission's denial of the proposed change was issued by a letter dated September 26, 1996.

By November 1, 1996, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be

delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

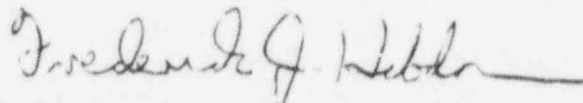
A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to General Counsel, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, ET 11H, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated September 15, 1996, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated September 26, 1996.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Athens Public Library, South Street, Athens, Alabama 35611

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of September 1996.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission



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