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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-390; NRC-2013-0266]

Tennessee Valley Authority

Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 1

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted the request of Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA or the licensee) to withdraw its August 28, 2013, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-90 for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN), Unit 1, Rhea County, Tennessee.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The proposed amendment would have modified the facility technical specifications (TSs) TS 3.8.4, “DC [Direct Current] Sources-Operating,” TS 3.8.5, “DC Sources-Shutdown,” and TS 3.8.6, “Battery Cell Parameters.” The request included changes consistent with both Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) change traveler TSTF-360, Revision 1, “DC Electrical Rewrite” (ADAMS Accession No. ML003778381), and TSTF-500, “DC Electrical Rewrite – Update to TSTF-360” (ADAMS Accession No. ML092670242), which provided an update to the changes approved in TSTF-360. However, the proposed TS changes were based on the TSTF-360 and TSTF-500 changes that were appropriate to the WBN Unit 1 design, because the direct current electrical power distribution system referenced in the model application is significantly different than the system that exists at Watts Bar. Because of this, TVA did not utilize the model application for TSTF-500, but rather provided plant-specific justifications for the related
TSTF-500 changes that were proposed in this License Amendment Request. In addition to the TSTF-360 and TSTF-500 related changes, editorial and clarification changes to TS 3.8.4, 3.8.5, and 3.8.6 were proposed in this request.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on December 10, 2013 (78 FR 74186). However, by letter dated June 20, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14178B301), the licensee withdrew the proposed changes.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 28, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13248A250), and the licensee’s letter dated June 20, 2014, which withdrew the application for license amendment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of July 2014.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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