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Mr. W. David Hall, P.E. Manager Fossil and Hydro Engineering Tennessee Valley Authority 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801

Dear Mr. Hall:

This has reference to your letter dated July 8, 1997, regarding Kingston Fossil Plant (KIF) - Coal Receiving Railroad - Track Crossing - Harriman Yard, Tennessee.

The proposed connection to the new spur to the CSX tracks by use of rigid diamond crossings will cause Norfolk Southern serious operating problems, and safety concerns, as follows:

An increase would occur in the blocking of NS tracks.

The location of proposed track would require long shove moves. Lack of power switches, and walking paths are also a concern.

Both NS and CSXT would have to back these trains (90 car lengths) on arrival and departure to get to this new track. There is only one power switch that could be used, all others are hand-throw. Also, walking the train would be required upon arrival and departure where there are no walkways or lights.

In view of this, suggest TVA consider alternatives beneficial to Tennessee Valley Authority and Norfolk Southern. We are prepared to discussed such alternatives you wish to explore, and let us know if we can be of further assistance to you or your staff.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Waters