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Enclosures*

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SUBJECT: CONVERSION TO IMPROVED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR  
COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 -  
AMENDMENT NO. 64 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NOS. NPF-87  
AND NPF-89 (TAC NOS. M98778 AND M98779)

Dear Mr. Terry:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 64 to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-87 and NPF-89 for the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2 (CPSES). The amendment converts the current Technical Specifications (CTS) for CPSES to the improved Technical Specifications (ITS). The ITS are based on NUREG-1431, "Standard Technical Specifications [STS], Westinghouse Plants," Revision 1, dated April 1995, and on guidance provided in the Commission's Final Policy Statement, "NRC Final Policy Statement on Technical Specification Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors," published on July 22, 1993 (58 FR 39132), and in 10 CFR 50.36, "Technical Specifications," as amended July 19, 1995 (60 FR 36953). The overall objective of the proposed amendment was to rewrite, reformat, and streamline the CTS to improve safety and the understanding of the Bases underlying the Technical Specifications.

Because the ITS are being issued as a single document for the two units, the licensee has requested by telephone on February 25, 1999, that the ITS be issued with the same amendment number for both units. This administrative action is acceptable to the staff and the next amendment number for CPSES Unit 1 has been used. Therefore, Amendment Numbers 50 to 63 for CPSES Unit 2 will never be used.

The enclosed amendment is based on the staff's review of your application dated May 15, 1997 (TXX-97105), as supplemented by 11 letters in 1998 dated June 26 (TXX-98152), August 5 (TXX-98182), August 28 (TXX-98195), September 24 (TXX-98208), October 21 (TXX-98223), October 23 (TXX-98229), November 24 (TXX-98239 and TXX-98253), December 11 (TXX-98263), December 17 (TXX-98273), and December 18 (TXX-98272), and 5 letters in 1999 dated January 5 (TXX99005), February 3 (TXX-99017, TXX-99018), and TXX-99019), February 16 (TXX-99040), and February 23 (TXX-99051 and TXX-99052). The staff issued requests for additional information (RAIs) in letters dated May 22, June 17, July 7, July 14, July 15, July 17, July 22, August 14, September 3, and October 7, 1998, and in the meeting summaries that were issued on August 28, October 16, and November 6, 1998.

The draft Safety Evaluation (SE) for the ITS conversion was sent to you by our letter dated December 18, 1998, for your review to verify the accuracy of the draft SE. You responded with comments on the draft SE in the letter dated February 3, 1999 (TXX-99017). You submitted

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the ITS for CPSES and certified to their correctness in that you provided the affirmation in your letter of February 23, 1999 (TXX-99052), that the statements made in that letter, and its attachments including the ITS, are true. The comments you provided were reviewed and incorporated in the enclosed final SE for the amendment as appropriate. The draft SE was also revised based on the staff's review of the draft SE after it was issued.

Included with the amendment are two license conditions for the new Appendix D, "Additional Conditions," to the licenses for CPSES. You submitted the following license conditions in your letter of February 3, 1999 (TXX-99019): (1) the relocation of CTS requirements into licensee-controlled documents during the implementation of the ITS and (2) the schedule for the first performance of new and revised surveillance requirements (SRs) for the ITS. These license conditions are part of the implementation of the ITS and constitute enforceable commitments that the staff is relying upon in approving this amendment. Any changes to these license conditions, including the implementation date for the ITS conversion, must be submitted as a 10 CFR 50.90 amendment to the licenses and approved by the staff.

The ITS will become effective upon the date of implementation, but no later than 180 days from the date of this letter, as stated in the two license conditions. Until the implementation of the ITS is completed, the CTS shall remain in effect and the units will be operated in accordance with the requirements of the CTS, except as modified by the license condition on new and revised SRs. If there is an amendment to the Technical Specifications before the implementation of the ITS is completed, the amendment will be to both the CTS and the ITS. You are requested to submit a letter stating that the ITS are implemented on the units within 14 days of the date of implementation.

Copies of our related Safety Evaluation and Notice of Issuance are enclosed. Contact me at 301-415-1307 (or [jnd@nrc.gov](mailto:jnd@nrc.gov) on the internet) if you have any questions about the amendment.

Sincerely,



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Docket Nos. 50-445 and 50-446

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