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LICENSEES: Union Electric Company
TXU Electric
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Arizona Public Service Company

FACILITIES: Callaway Plant
Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station
Diablo Canyon Power Plant
South Texas Project Electric Generating Station
Wolf Creek Generating Station
Palo Verde Generating Station

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH STRATEGIC TEAMING AND RESOURCE SHARING -
INTEGRATED REGULATORY AFFAIRS GROUP FOR THE LICENSEES
OF CALLAWAY, COMANCHE PEAK, DIABLO CANYON, SOUTH
TEXAS, WOLF CREEK, AND PALO VERDE

A meeting was held on Thursday, November 7, 2002, between the NRC staff and the licensees for the above facilities. The meeting was held at the request of the Strategic Teaming And Resource Sharing - Integrated Regulatory Affairs Group (STARS-IRAG) that has been formed by the licensees. The IRAG is a group within STARS to interact with the staff on common regulatory issues for the facilities. The goal of STARS-IRAG is to reduce the overall costs of licensing actions to the licensees and to the staff by developing common licensing action requests. The notice for the meeting was issued on October 10, 2002. This is the fifth meeting of the staff with the STARS-IRAG. The meeting summaries for the previous four meetings were issued on September 1 and December 1, 2000, February 12, 2001, and April 15, 2002.

Attachment 1 is the list of attendees and Attachment 2 is the handout provided by the licensees at the meeting. The staff did not provide a handout at the meeting. There was no discussion of any current licensing actions under staff review for any of the above facilities. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Regulatory Affairs Strategic Issues Group (RASIG), discuss the possibility of a STARS-IRAG/NRC licensing workshop, and discuss areas for improvement. The RASIG will prepare strategic issue summaries and briefing papers, and recommend strategies, priorities, actions or comments on regulatory issues to STARS management.

In the 12 pages of Attachment 2, the licensees provided the following: (1) the agenda for the meeting (page 2), (2) the successes (page 3), (3) the past common licensing submittals with estimated cost savings (pages 4 through 6), (4) future licensing action requests (LARs) (pages 7 and 8), (5) the RASIG (pages 9 and 10), (6) a proposed STARS-IRAG/NRC licensing workshop (page 11), and (7) challenges and areas of improvement (page 12).

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The licensees completed their presentation and the meeting was closed.

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Docket Nos. 50-275, 50-323, 50-445, 50-446, 50-482, 50-483,
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