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Subject: Relief Request B-8 for Comanche Peak Unit 1 and B-6 for Unit 2 - Reactor Vessel Hot and Cold Leg Nozzle Weld Examination, TACs MD9215 and MD9216

Tim:

By letter dated July 10, 2008, Luminant Generation Company LLC (Luminant) submitted relief requests B-8 for Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSES), Unit 1 and B-6 for CPSES, Unit 2. The proposed relief request is needed for Unit 1's fall 2008 refueling outage and Unit 2's fall 2009 outage and requests for approval of alternative method for examination of the reactor vessel hot and cold leg nozzle welds. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staffs acceptance review of this relief request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Pursuant to Sections 50.55a(a)(3)(i) and 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed alternatives would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety, or that compliance with the specified requirements of Section 50.55a would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3016.

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