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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT RELATED TO THE COMBINED LICENSES FOR THE COMANCHE PEAK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4

Dear Mr. Woodlan:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed NUREG-1943, Environmental Impact Statement for the Combined Licenses (COLs) for Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant Units 3 and 4: Draft Report for Comment. The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) focuses on the impacts of constructing and operating a new nuclear power plant at the Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant (CPNPP) site. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Fort Worth District, is a cooperating agency on the DEIS. The purpose of cooperation among the NRC and Corps is to ensure that each agency's review responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related statutes are met in connection with the authorizations required to construct and operate nuclear power plants licensed by the NRC.

As discussed in Section 10.7 of the DEIS, the NRC staff's preliminary recommendation is that the COLs for Comanche Peak Units 3 and 4 should be issued. This preliminary recommendation is based on: (1) the COL environmental report submitted by Luminant Generation Company LLC; (2) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies; (3) the staff's independent review; (4) the staff's consideration of comments related to the environmental review that were received during the public scoping process; and (5) the assessments summarized in the DEIS, including the potential mitigation measures identified. In addition, in making its preliminary recommendation, the NRC staff has concluded that there are no environmentally preferable or obviously superior sites. The NRC's preliminary recommendation is independent of the Corps' determination of a Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative pursuant to the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines.

Enclosed are a copy of the DEIS and the associated *Federal Register* notice of availability. This notice advises the public that the draft report is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, which provides access through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room link. The accession numbers in ADAMS for the DEIS are ML102170030 and ML102170036. The DEIS can also be found at the NRC Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant COL-specific webpage at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/comanche-peak.html>.

The Somervell County Library located at 108 Allen Drive, Glen Rose, Texas 76043 and the Hood County Library located at 222 North Travis Street, Granbury, Texas 76048 have agreed to maintain a copy of the DEIS and make it available for public inspection. A separate notice of filing of the DEIS will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The notice also informs the public that the NRC and the Corps staff plan to hold two public meetings to present the analysis and results of the DEIS on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at the Glen Rose Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd., Glen Rose, Texas 76043. The first meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m., and will continue until 4:00 p.m., as necessary. The second meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m., with a repeat of the overview portions of the first meeting and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. The meetings will be transcribed and will include a presentation of the contents of the DEIS and the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour before the start of each meeting during which members of the public may meet and talk with NRC and Corps staff members on an informal basis. You and your staff are invited to attend.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Environmental Project Manager, Mr. Michael Willingham at 301-415-3924 or by e-mail to Michael.Willingham@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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