

August 12, 2010

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Texas Historical Commission  
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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF AND THE REQUEST FOR  
COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE COMANCHE  
PEAK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 3 AND 4 COMBINED LICENSE  
APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has prepared the enclosed Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) as part of its review of the application submitted by the Luminant Generation Company LLC (Luminant) for combined licenses (COLs) for construction and operation of two new nuclear units at its Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant (CPNPP) site near Glen Rose, Texas. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Fort Worth District is a cooperating agency pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. The purpose of cooperation among the NRC and Corps review team is to develop one environmental impact statement (EIS) that serves the needs of the NRC's license decision process and the Corps' permit decision process.

This DEIS includes an analysis of relevant environmental issues as well as potential impacts to historic properties and documents the NRC staff's determination regarding the suitability of the proposed site for the construction and operation of two new nuclear units. In addition, to support the environmental analysis, the NRC staff conducted an environmental audit at the proposed site and reviewed historic and archaeological records. In Chapter 2 of the DEIS you will find a discussion of the areas of potential effect and Chapters 4 and 5 discuss the impacts to historic properties from construction and operation.

In the context of NEPA under which the DEIS was prepared, the NRC staff's preliminary determination is that the impacts of the proposed new nuclear units on historical and archaeological resources is minimal and additional mitigation is not warranted. Under the provisions of National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the staff's preliminary determination is that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed action.

By letter dated December 23, 2008, the NRC staff informed you that it will comply with its obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, using the process set forth in the Title 36 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (36 CFR) 800.8(c) in lieu of the procedures set forth in 36 CFR 800.3 through 36 CFR 800.6. Additionally, 36 CFR 800.8(c) is the process the NRC staff used in the preparation of the DEIS as required by the

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), to comply with its obligations under Section 106 of the NHPA. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(c), the NRC wishes to ensure that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the DEIS, provide advice on the identification and evaluation of historic properties including those of traditional, religious, and cultural importance; and if necessary, participate in the resolution of any adverse effects to such properties. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(c), we are requesting your comments on the DEIS, specifically, on our preliminary conclusions regarding historic properties. Comments should be submitted either by mail to the Chief, Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, Washington, D.C. 20555-001 or via e-mail to [Comanche.COLEIS@nrc.gov](mailto:Comanche.COLEIS@nrc.gov). Your comments will be addressed in the final EIS. Please provide any information or comments you may have on the DEIS during the comment period which ends on October 27, 2010. The NRC may consider additional comments after the comment period ends, to the extent practicable.

The NRC staff plans to hold two public meetings to discuss the analysis and results in the DEIS on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at the Glen Rose Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd., Glen Rose, TX 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: (1) a presentation of the contents of the DEIS and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. In addition, informal discussions will be held one hour before the start of each meeting where members of the public may meet and talk with NRC and Corps staff members informally. You and your staff are invited to attend.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Michael Willingham, Environmental Project Manager by phone at 301-415-3924 or via e-mail to [Michael.Willingham@nrc.gov](mailto:Michael.Willingham@nrc.gov).

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