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To whom it may concern at the NRC

I am a waterfront property owner on Lake Granbury and am concerned about the amount of water that will be lost if all the water for the Comanche Peak expansion comes from the Brazos River. For several summers our lake has been dangerous for recreation due to low water levels. This has been one of the hottest summers in several years and official reports show we were over 5 inches of rain below normal yet the lake has remained full. What happened to the evaporation the BRA has blamed the previous low levels on? I believe they intentionally kept the level up this summer to quiet the complaints of low levels until the selling of water for the reactors suck the life from our property values and tourism. Our lake brings tourist dollars to Granbury and we need those dollars. The temporary influx of workers on the Barnett Shale brought money into the city and the businesses in Granbury. Most of these workers and spenders have moved on to other areas taking their money with them. The process of building the two new reactors will add workers but once the construction is complete some of these workers will also move on to the next project. Lake Granbury is too important to our area to not look for other sources for cooling water. If the recreational boaters and tourists quit coming to Granbury all these new hotels, restaurants and other businesses will be empty and the tax dollars will dry up as quickly as our waterfront property values.

I believe nuclear power is the best way to meet our energy needs for the future and would love to see the expansion at Comanche Peak. I don't believe trading a precious resource like the Brazos River and Lake Granbury is the best solution. There are many large and small ranchers, farmers, and other landowners around Comanche Peak that would probably love to have small reservoir lakes built on their property. Some of the water needed for the reactors could come from these lakes giving the landowners a nice lake and some additional income from selling their own water. Being located closer to the reactors should be a plus by requiring shorter pipelines. A network of small lakes would still not supply all their needs but it would surely reduce the need from Lake Granbury. Better large rainwater collection systems and storage and of course wells could also help.

I have read that preliminary reports showed little to no environmental impact. I don't know what the criteria for environmental impact is but lowering the lake level an average of 7 inches to 2 feet at times is certainly going to impact our property values and way of life. In drought years we won't be able to use our docks for boating or fishing and we surely won't be able to sell our property for what we paid for it. There are those that will profit from selling our water that will argue that the water belongs to them and we just bought property next to "their water". In their opinions what we think and what happens to our property values does not matter. The taxpayers in this country are getting tired of being told what we think and what happens to what we have worked our entire lives for does not matter. We are reasonable people that feel with some effort the needs for Luminant and the needs of the waterfront property owners can both be met.

Thanks for your time,
Respectfully
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