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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

RELATED CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Marjorie and Larry:

Subject: Dockets 50-445 and 50-446
Application of Texas Utilities
Generating Company for an
Operating License for Comanche
Peak Steam Electric Station
Units #1 and #2 (CPSES)
Information Requests

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There are several items of information which we would like to request:

1. By copy of this letter, we are requesting that Nick Reynolds furnish us with a copy of the FSAR and the ER, and that we be added to the mailing list to receive all future revisions (as you suggested we do in response to our telephone request to you previously).

2. We request that we be added to the mailing list to receive copies of all future Inspection and Enforcement reports and the applicant's responses to them.

3. It appears that not all the information agreed upon by Joana Souder is being sent to the UTA Public Documents Room (i.e., all FSAR and ER revisions, and all Inspection and Enforcement reports and responses). I will try to contact her today about this and hopefully this will be taken care of. (If Nos. 1 and 2 above are done for each of the three Intervenor, this will not be necessary.)

4. During our 8/31/79 and 9/18/79 phone conversations, I requested that we be provided specific details regarding the allegations of Tony Robicheux of falsification of records by Southwest Research Institute. (Marjorie, as I recall our conversation about this, you wanted to pursue this rather than having me go back and forth between you and Carl Seyfrit.) We still have heard nothing from you on this, and we are very much concerned about this matter, since Southwest Research Institute has been in the process of checking the welding at Comanche Peak. We understand that the final report on Mr. Robicheux's allegations is now out, and we request that the information be furnished at once.

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To recap exactly what information we are requesting regarding these allegations: A copy of Mr. Robicheux's allegations; a copy of the final NRC report; all interview notes and working papers regarding the allegations and the report; the scope of the investigation, number of man-hours involved by the investigators, length of time spent (we have been told that the NRC made public statements in San Antonio only two weeks after Mr. Robicheux made his allegations on August 6 that "after a month-long investigation" they were unable to substantiate his allegations), the manner of the investigation (who was talked to by the investigators, whether efforts were made to contact present and past employees who might be able to verify the allegations, etc.). As I told you over the phone, we understand that questions have been raised by Southwest regarding Mr. Robicheux's mental stability; as far as the allegations are concerned, this is totally immaterial -- what we want to know is if the allegations have been thoroughly investigated and how much substance, if any, there is to the allegations.

5. On 9/18/79 in a telephone conversation with Marjorie, I requested that we be supplied with complete details of the investigation made by the NRC into allegations by Dan Swayze and others of falsification of documents at the South Texas Project by Brown and Root. We have heard nothing from you on this.

We are very much concerned about this, since Brown and Root is also the contractor at Comanche Peak. We are particularly concerned about the adequacy of the investigation because of statements made by the head of the NRC regional office, Carl Seyfrit, on the CBS-TV network program OCTOBER MAGAZINE on October 4, 1979:

Reporter: "The charge is that quality control inspectors here have been intimidated, that portions of this plant have never been properly inspected. These allegations were passed on to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, but they found nothing to be disturbed about. So we went to the NRC's regional chief, Carl Seyfrit, to ask if his men had checked out the story with the other inspectors who worked with Swayze."

Seyfrit: "I am informed that we did not interview the other men that he named and I understand that some number of those, at least, are no longer at the site."

Reporter: "How did you go about deciding whether his allegations were valid or not?"

Seyfrit: "There were interviews made with supervisory personnel who would have had some knowledge of these activities and there was a review of records made and there was nothing in the records or in the interviews with the other people that would substantiate the allegation Mr. Swayze made in this regard."

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Reporter: "But in this case, the man said he was feeding you documents that were unreliable. They may have gone on the scene....."

Seyfrit: "I just told you, sir, that we did more than look at records. We did talk to other people and these are people who would have some knowledge of whether or not these actions had taken place. We couldn't get to all of the inspectors that he named."

Reporter: "Well, you didn't get to any of them, apparently."

Seyfrit: "That may be true. I'm not willing to concede that that is an absolute fact at this point."

Reporter: "But it's definitely a possibility."

Seyfrit: "Sure, I'll agree to that. It's a possibility that we did not talk to any of them."

Reporter: "Just such reliance on the company's self-evaluations and written reports was criticized by a Government Accounting Office study. Its conclusion was that the NRC's inspection program cannot independently assure that nuclear power plants are constructed adequately."

We request that we be supplied with a copy of the allegations made by Mr. Swayze and any others regarding falsification of documents, a copy of the final NRC report (or details to date if the report is not yet final); all interview notes and working papers regarding the allegations and the report; the scope of the investigation, number of man-hours involved by the investigators, length of time spent, the manner of the investigation (who was talked to by the investigators, whether efforts were made to contact present and past employees who might be able to verify the allegations, whether hospital records were checked to verify Mr. Swayze's allegations that in July 1977 one of his quality control inspectors was beaten up and put in the hospital, etc.).

We'll appreciate your assistance in obtaining this information.

Sincerely,

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(Mrs.) Juanita Ellis, President

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Footnote to Nick Reynolds: Please send us a copy of the complete updated PSAR and ER, and add us to your mailing list to receive all future revisions. If there is to be a charge for this, please advise before shipping. Thanks.

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