UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)	
TEXAS UTILITIES GENERATING COMPANY, ET AL.) Docket	Nos. 50-445 50-446
(Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2))	30-446

NRC STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO ACORN'S RESPONSE TO NRC STAFF'S STATUS REPORT ON PROPOSED STIPULATIONS AND ACORN'S REQUEST THAT THE NRC STAFF BE ORDERED TO FURTHER NEGOTIATE ADMISSIBILITY OF PROPOSED CONTENTIONS

On February 11, 1980, ACORN filed, in the captioned proceeding, "ACORN's Response to NRC Staff's Status Report on Proposed Stipulations and ACRON's Request That the NRC Staff Be Ordered to Further Negotiation [sic] Admissibility of Proposed Contentions." (ACORN's Response and Request) Therein, ACORN asserts that there has been no meaningful discussion of the admissibility of ACORN's proposed contentions and requests that the NRC Staff be ordered to discuss and negotiate the admissibility of ACORN's proposed contentions and/ or reveal to ACORN specific reasons for the Staff's alleged refusal to agree to admissibility. The NRC Staff's response to this request is due on March 3, 1980.

Since the Staff's receipt of ACORN's Response and Request, Staff counsel assigned to this proceeding has been deeply involved in a number of pressing matters with regard to other assigned cases. Because of this, counsel has been unable to complete preparation of the Staff's response and will be unable to file that response by March 3, 1980. Accordingly, the Staff herewith requests an extension of one week, until March 10, 1980, in which to respond to ACORN's Response and Request.

Counsel for ACORN and counsel for the applicant have indicated that they have no objection to this Staff request for an extension of time and have authorized the Staff to so indicate in this motion for time extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 29th day of February, 1980

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "NRC STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO ACORN'S RESPONSE TO NRC STAFF'S STATUS REPORT ON PROPOSED STIP-ULATIONS AND ACORN'S REQUEST THAT THE NRC STAFF BE ORDERED TO FURTHER NEGOTIATE ADMISSIBILITY OF PROPOSED CONTENTIONS" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class, or, as indicated by an asterisk, through deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system, this 29th day of February, 1980:

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