

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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In the Matter of
Texas Utilities Generating Company, et al.
(Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. 50-445 and 50-446

Dear Mr. Gay:

In connection with the parties' conference call of March 19, 1980, concerning the contentions ACORN has proposed in this proceeding (as revised through the parties' negotiations or as originally proposed), the Staff has enclosed a statement of the Staff's views on the admissibility of these contentions. As the Staff stated in the parties' conference call of March 19, 1980, the purpose of the enclosed statement is to provide ACORN with a better understanding of the Staff's position on the admissibility of ACORN's contentions. However, while this statement substantially sets forth the Staff's position on the admissibility of ACORN's contentions, there may be some non-substantive revisions in any formal statement of position filed with the Licensing Board. As you recognize, and as you will further note from reviewing the statement, for the most part, the Staff's objections to the admissibility of certain of ACORN's contentions concern the adequacy of the bases presented in support of the contentions, rather than the language of the contentions.

In the Licensing Board's "Order Scheduling Prehearing Conference," (for April 30, 1980) issued on March 19, 1980, the Board directed that each party submit to the Board not later than twenty days prior to the prehearing conference, i.e., by April 10, 1980, a complete report on each party's position on each contention. In order that the parties can comply with the Board's direction, the Staff will contact you on April 4, 1980, in order to determine ACORN's position as to the stipulation executed by the Staff and Applicants.

Sincerely,

Maissia Ulman Rothschild Marjorie Ulman Rothschild Counsel for NRC Staff

Enclosure: As stated

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