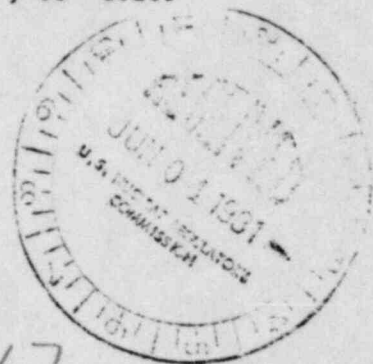




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Mr. Darrel G. Eisenhut, Director
Division of Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Emergency Response Facilities

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

Public Service Company of Colorado (PSC) is presently reviewing the requirements for the Emergency Response Facilities (ERF) contained in NUREG-0696, various Regulatory Guides and other applicable documents based upon the information obtained during the NRC Meeting held in Atlanta May 8, 1981, as they may apply to the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station.

Because Fort St. Vrain utilizes a High Temperature Gas Reactor (HTGR) and not a Light Water Reactor (LWR), it is necessary to evaluate each requirement contained in the subject documents to determine their applicability to an HTGR. These evaluations will be based upon the inherent differences between the LWR and HTGR and the potential impact of postulated accidents on the safety of the public as they specifically relate to the Fort St. Vrain facility.

Because of the late date on which the Atlanta meeting was held with respect to the June 1, 1981 submittal date and because an evaluation must be made of each requirements applicability to an HTGR, PSC will not be able to submit the description of the ERF on June 1, 1981, as scheduled by the NRC.

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PSC intends to submit the description of the ERF based upon determination of the applicable requirements to the HTGR and Fort St. Vrain by July 1, 1981.

Very truly yours,

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