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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 28, 1989

Mr. Dennis Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs
The United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

With regard to our previous correspondence concerning the
licensing of Comanche Peak in Texas, I am enclosing a copy of an
additional letter I have received from Mr. and Mrs. Kendall
McCook on this issue.

I would appreciate your thorough review of these additional con-
cerns, and any pertinent information you could provide would be
helpful.

Thank you for your assistance, and I look forward to hearing from
you in the near future.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Bentsen

Enclosure

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Senator Bentsen,

We appreciate your continued monitoring of the safety of Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant. We are responding specifically to your letter dated 29 November 1989, as well as the communication to your office from James M. Taylor, Acting Executive Officer of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (dated 9 November 1989).

We enclose a December 8, 1989 Fort Worth Star Telegram article that discusses our December 7th meeting before Chris Grimes, Jim Lyons, Horace Livermore, and Bob Warnick. Citizens for Fair Utility Regulation spent the entire day detailing allegations we believe make Comanche Peak unsuitable for safe load of nuclear fuel. A complete transcript of our meeting will soon be available.

Mr. Taylor's remarks to your office gloss over serious problems that are probably impossible to solve with any certainty in a reasonable period of time. Kapton wiring remains throughout the plant. Over a million inadequate fasteners are in place in countless, unknown places. Misapplied welds and falsification of work performance records have been identified by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; however, the welding procedures and terrible safety attitudes of Flour-Daniels, the contractor, indicate that thousands of poorly performed welds exist everywhere in the plant. These problems and more are discussed in our December 7, 1989 meeting with the N.R.C. I am writing to ask that you continue your efforts toward ensuring those of us who live near Comanche Peak will not fall victim to the radioactive contaminations of this now nearly eleven-billion-dollar construction boondoggle .

Texas Utilities will soon request reinspection in order to obtain a license to load fuel. We ask again that the already admitted and yet open allegations be thoroughly investigated and remedied before Comanche Peak is contaminated.

Finally, we ask that no nuclear fuel be loaded. That plant has not been contaminated, the only power plant remaining that has not had the opportunity to spoil the surrounding environment. A natural

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conversion is still possible, and our water and land and air would not be threatened with the disasters that have accompanied so many other plant operations.

Sincerely,

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