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SUBJECT: COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION (CPSES)
DOCKET NO. 50-445
DEFERRAL OF PRE-OPERATIONAL TESTING

REF: TU Electric letter TXX-B9824 from W. J. Cahill, Jr. to U. S. NRC
dated December 6, 1989

Gentlemen:

As a supplement to the referenced letter, TU Electric is providing the following information relative to the scheduled completion of the Fuel Pooling Cooling and Cleanup System and Sampling Systems testing.

1. Fuel Pool Cooling and Cleanup System

The vibration testing of the spent fuel pool piping is being deferred until prior to the first off loading of spent fuel. The fuel pool cooling and cleanup system is a safety-related system; however, its function is not safety significant prior to the off-loading of spent fuel. TU Electric believes that the maintenance and testing resource expenditures necessary to complete this activity in accordance with the schedule originally committed to are more appropriately expended in support of activities required to support ongoing operations at this time.

2. Sampling System

The tests on the sampling systems described in the referenced letter which were scheduled for completion prior to entry into Mode 2, will be completed on schedule except for the sampling system capability associated with the Boron Thermal Regeneration System. The Boron Thermal Regeneration System is a non-safety related system which TU Electric has

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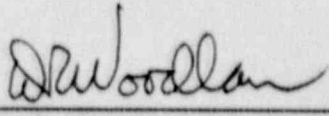
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no immediate plans for making operable. The portions of the sampling system associated with the Boron Thermal Regeneration System can not be tested until the Boron Thermal regeneration System is placed in operation. Testing of this portion of the sampling system will be performed when the Boron Thermal Regeneration System is placed in operation.

Sincerely,

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