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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-445/94-01; 50-446/94-01

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. I. Barnes and J. Whittemore of this office on January 24-27 and February 7-11, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report and included a review of your steam generator history and material cordition. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

It was identified that the selection of tubes for eddy current examination during Refueling Outage 1RFO3 was not performed in a random manner and this was in violation of Technical Specification 4.0.6.2. This violation is not being cited because the criteria in paragraph VII.B.1 of Appendix C to 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," were satisfied. This violation was an isolated occurrence and the licensee staff planned appropriate actions to correct the problem.

It was ascertained during this inspection that the program scope and requirements for examination of steam generators did not appear to have been as fully defined as for other program activities at Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station. Of some concern was that the handling of steam generator generic communications suggested that management expectations did not appear to have been clearly communicated on this subject, and that oversight of the operational experience review program could be improved. It is our understanding that a task team has been created to review your steam generator program and determine needed improvements. It is also our understanding that, during the exit meeting conducted on February 11, 1994, Mr. J. Muffett,

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Station Engineering Manager, committed to: (a) the development and implementation in Refueling Outage 1RF04 of site specific data analysis guidelines and performance demonstration testing of eddy current data analysts; and (b) the utilization of the motorized rotating pancake coil method in Refueling Outage 1RF04 for examination of a sample of locations that are more susceptible to degradation (e.g., tube-sheet roll transition and hotleg tube supports), with screening of individual freespan indications for inclusion in this program. If your understanding of this commitment differs from ours, please contact me immediately.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office by telephone, within 10 days of the date of this letter, and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within 30 days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790(b)(1).

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely, Uma

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Enclosure: Appendix - NRC Inspection Report 50-445/94-01; 50-446/94-01 w/Attachment

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