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SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP) REPORT  
50-445/94-99; 50-446/94-99

Enclosed for your review is the SALP report for the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station for the period of May 30, 1993, through May 28, 1994. This assessment was conducted under the revised SALP process implemented by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on July 19, 1993. A meeting to discuss this report with you and your staff has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on July 28, 1994, at the Personnel Processing Center at the Comanche Peak facility.

During this meeting, you are encouraged and expected to candidly comment on our report. Although this meeting is considered a forum between TU Electric and the NRC, it will be open to observation by members of the public and other interested parties.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the recommendations resulting from the SALP Board and I concur with the ratings and the views. The functional areas of operations and maintenance were rated as Category 2, which indicates good safety performance. The functional areas of engineering and plant support were rated as Category 1, which reflects superior safety performance. The integration of Units 1 and 2 into a commercial operating facility was well managed and we are encouraged by your continued strong performance.

In plant operations, although you have been successful in reducing personnel errors and operator induced plant challenges, some poor practices continued. There is concern that operators may not be receiving the supervisory oversight, feedback, and management input necessary to achieve and maintain a superior level of performance. Maintenance performance was viewed as maturing. Engineering performance was considered excellent although your efforts in steam generator testing and analysis were not as rigorous as would be expected from a SALP Category 1 performer. I encourage you to evaluate your own performance in this area.

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Your Operations Notification and Evaluation Form corrective action process continues to be viewed as effective in identifying and correcting conditions adverse to quality. Your overall corrective action processes and increased acceptance of self-verification techniques have resulted in a notable improvement in personnel and plant performance.

Although your overall performance is considered very good, the NRC recognizes several elements within the functional areas that warrant your attention. These items are described below:

- In the operations area, the need to develop and sustain a questioning attitude at all levels and the need to instill expectations that plant procedures are to be rigorously adhered to during all phases of operations;
- In the maintenance area, sustaining the improvements made in the reduction of missed surveillance testing, secondary plant reliability, planning and scheduling, and enhancing procedural adherence;
- In the engineering area, sustaining the excellence achieved in engineering support for operations and various engineering programs, while addressing the isolated program and program implementation weaknesses;
- In the plant support area, sustaining the excellent performance achieved.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the SALP report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning the SALP report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you. While no written response is required, if you wish, you may submit written comments within 30 days of the SALP meeting.

Sincerely,



L. J. Callan

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Enclosure:  
NRC SALP Report 50-445/94-99; 50-446/94-99

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