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Docket Nos. 50-445
and 50-446

Mr. William J. Cahill, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Cahill:

SUBJECT: COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 1, INSERVICE INSPECTION
RELIEF REQUEST B-1 (TAC No. 81871)

By letter dated October 16, 1991, and as supplemented by letter dated October 30, 1991, TU Electric (the licensee) requested relief from the visual examination requirements (VT-2) for portions of the reactor coolant system during the system leakage test at the end of the current refueling outage for Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Unit 1. Alternatively, the licensee proposed to inspect surrounding areas and surfaces for evidence of leakage, to include inspecting for residues and discoloration.

The NRC staff has reviewed the relief request concerning the ASME Code, 1986 Edition, Section XI, Table IWB-2500-1, Category B-P, Item B15.50. Additionally, the staff has observed this item during a visit by the Region I NDE van in May 1990, and this item has been confirmed as having very limited access.

The approach proposed by the licensee to inspect surrounding areas and surfaces for residue or discoloration when access is limited, is as prescribed by the Code. Accordingly, as the licensee is proposing to take actions allowed by the Code for this particular situation, relief is not required.

Sincerely,

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