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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-445/95-12; 50-446/95-12 AND NOTICE OF

VIOLATION

This refers to the inspection conducted by Ms. L. J. Smith and others of this office on June 26 through July 20, 1995. 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 you and those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

This inspection was initiated to evaluate the adequacy of engineering and technical support activities at your facility. Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

The results of the inspection are discussed in the executive summary of the enclosed inspection report. The team found, in general, that a strong technical capability exists at Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station. Technical problems were being identified and addressed. System and design engineers showed a good safety focus in their work products. The design of the systems reviewed was being preserved.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation is of concern because an adequate technical basis was not developed to assure that the Class 1E safety-related ELGAR inverters would be available during accident conditions.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this

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Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice." a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the Public Document Room without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the Public Document Room, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980. Pub. L. No. 96.511.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas P Gwynn, Director Division of Reactor Safety

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-445/95-12; 50-446/95-12
w/attachments

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