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and 50-446

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Dear Mr. Spence:

Subject: Deferral of Main Steam Isolation Valve (MSIV) Portion of
the Preoperational Tests for Comanche Peak Steam Electric
Station, Unit 1

Texas Utilities letter to H. R. Denton dated May 15, 1984, requested that performance of that portion of the Comanche Peak 1 preoperational tests relative to the MSIV's be deferred until after fuel loading, but prior to initial criticality.

The MSIV preoperational testing is required to demonstrate (1) MSIV five (5) second stroke time; (2) MSIV operability 30 minutes after loss of instrument air occurrences; and (3) MSIV auto test timing to verify limit switch settings. In support of the deferral requested, an evaluation was provided relative to the safety aspects of the deferral which concluded that (1) there are no unreviewed safety questions related to the test deferral and (2) virtually no radiological consequences would result from FSAR analyzed accidents since the reactor would not yet have achieved criticality.

The NRC staff agrees with your staff's evaluation and finds that the requested MSIV preoperational test deferral to be acceptable. In addition, the staff finds no exceptions to the Plant Technical Specifications are required because MSIV testing can be performed in Mode 4, "Hot Shutdown" while limiting conditions for operation require MSIV operability in Modes 1, 2 and 3.

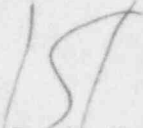
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The staff is currently reviewing other Comanche Peak 1 preoperational test deferrals requested to date, which will be reported on separately.

Sincerely,


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