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Peter B. Bloch, Chairman
Dr. Kenneth A. McCollom
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In the Matter of

TEXAS UTILITIES ELECTRIC COMPANY, et al.

(Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station,
Units 1 and 2)

Docket Nos. 50-44502
50-44602

(Application for
Operating License)

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MEMORANDUM
(Telephone Conference Held This Morning)

A telephone conference call was held this morning among Peter B. Bloch, William Horin, Stuart Treby and Gerry Mizuno and Juanita Ellis. During the call, the Board ascertained that Applicants filed a responsive filing on welding on September 28, 1984.

The Board also inquired about whether the Applicants had responded to CASE'S proposed findings of fact at I-5, consisting of a quote from Mr. Stiner about repairs of weave welds. The Staff took the position that Mr. Stiner's remark should be understood in context, as part of his concern that the weave weld need be ground down in its entirety. Ms. Ellis took the position that the remark is clear on its face and refers generally to the need for a hold point during the repair of a weave weld. Applicants took no position on relevance and were unable to respond to the Board's question concerning whether they had responded to the cited paragraph.

In light of the disagreeing interpretations, the Board reserved a decision on whether or not Mr. Stiner raised the question of a hold point. However, it requested information from Staff and Applicants concerning whether hold points are needed for cleanliness inspections or for surface indications of defects before proceeding to complete a weld repair by adding a cover pass. Judge Bloch stated that the Board members are not weld experts and were unsure why hold points were

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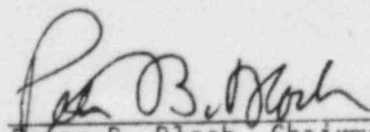
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required for fit-up and cleanliness before a new weld is begun but a hold point for cleanliness appears not to be required before a cover pass is made on a repaired weld made over the remaining portion of a weld that was previously found to be defective. Given the need to repair a defect, an explanation should be provided on why VT and PT examination need not be conducted before the cover pass is made.

Judge Bloch stated that the Staff should include this matter in its schedule of target dates, now expected to be filed next week. Applicants' response date also could be set at that time.

Ms. Ellis requested an extension of time of three days for filing a discovery request concerning cross-over leg restraints, citing competing demands for her time, including a recent motion for summary disposition filed by CASE. Applicants opposed this based on their continuing objection to the need for such discovery and based on Ms. Ellis's neglect of her obligation in order to file a non-required motion (the motion for summary disposition). However, the Board granted the request over Applicants' objections, stating that there was little reason to deny this extension, given other delays already affecting the case. The Board also notes here that Ms. Ellis's filing of the Summary Disposition motion was related to her responsibilities in this case and represents a legitimate use of her time.

FOR THE
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD


Peter B. Bloch, Chairman
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Bethesda, Maryland