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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Before Administrative Judges:

Peter B. Bloch, Chairman  
Dr. Kenneth A. McCollom  
Dr. Walter H. Jordan

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Docket Nos. 50-445 OL  
50-446 OL

In the Matter of

TEXAS UTILITIES ELECTRIC COMPANY, et al.

(Application for  
Operating License)

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

October 29, 1984

MEMORANDUM  
(In-Process Weld Repair Hold Point)

Applicants' Response to Board Request for Additional Information Regarding Weave Welding, October 25, 1984, refuses to respond to the Board question in full and exposes Applicants to a possible adverse finding unless this lack of responsiveness is promptly remedied by Applicants or is adequately addressed by Staff.

In this filing, at page 5, Applicants state that

when a final weld is found to be defective due to excessive weave width, the repair documentation generated requires a hold point after excavation to remove the defective weave weld prior to rewelding, and there is sworn testimony already in the record on this point (Tr. 10005, 10007). [Emphasis added.]

We find this filing non-responsive for two reasons. First, the Board is concerned with hold points on all repairs, not just weave welds. Second, the Board is concerned with obtaining an explanation for why hold points are required on authorized welds but appear not to be required at all for in-process welds. What is there about repairs of in-process welds which makes it appropriate for the welders to make their own inspection of cleanliness, without a hold point, when such an

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inspection, solely by the welder, is not considered sufficient for repair of a final weld? This just does not seem to make sense and we need an explanation.

O R D E R

For all the foregoing reasons and based on consideration of the entire record in this matter, it is this 29th day of October 1984

ORDERED:

Texas Utilities Electric Company, et al. may respond to this order by November 9, 1984.

FOR THE  
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

  
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Peter B. Bloch, Chairman  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Bethesda, Maryland