



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

June 10, 1992

Docket Nos. 50-445
and 50-446
(10 CFR §2.206)

Ms. Sandra Long Dow
dba Disposable Workers of
Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station
Mr. R. Micky Dow
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Dear Mr. and Ms. Dow:

I am writing to acknowledge receiving your Petition filed May 19, 1992, requesting that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take action regarding the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2. Specifically, you requested that the Commission order the immediate shutdown of Unit 1 of the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station and institute a proceeding to modify, suspend, or revoke the license held by Texas Utilities Electric Company for Unit 1. You also requested the NRC to suspend considering to extend or modify the construction permit for Unit 2 of the facility pending the resolution of any proceeding regarding the license for Unit 1.

As a basis for this request, you alleged that the licensee has failed to demonstrate the necessary character and capability that are the primary factors to be considered in granting a license, and has shown a "downward spiral" in violations, reportable incidents, and NRC staff concerns including perjury and probable criminal misconduct. To support this general assertion, you alleged numerous specific incidents, including that since November 1991, the following occurred: (1) a leak in a pressure tank caused 100 mile-per-hour winds in the access tunnel between Units 1 and 2, which resulted in a female employee being blown into a radiation area; (2) resin spilled into the core because of personnel error and misalignment of valves; (3) a "hot" valve in Unit 1 cut in two causing a radiation release and exposure to several individuals; (4) of the sample weekly reports attached to your Petition, 26 documented "reportable incidents," numerous areas showing direct concern by Region IV, and at least 6 reactor trips; (5) the NRC has proposed fines for violations totaling about \$100,000 for 1992; and (6) an additional reactor trip occurred during the week of May 11, 1992, after which the spent fuel pool for Unit 1 was without cooling water for approximately 20 hours causing an abnormal rise in temperature and which you submit is evidence of a continuing problem involving the use of improperly trained control room personnel. You also submitted as an attachment to your Petition a photograph which you assert shows Comanche Peak control room staff to be asleep, which you state is known to be the common manner for control room personnel. You also alleged that Region IV personnel did not act to respond to the licensee's violations, and that you have evidence of duplicity between the licensee and Region IV personnel. To support your assertion of such duplicity, you claimed,

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as you have previously, that you can provide the Commission with the transcripts of audio tapes of conversations between the licensee and certain individuals.

Your Petition has been referred to me pursuant to Section 2.206 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 2.206). As provided by 10 CFR 2.206, the NRC will take appropriate action on your request within a reasonable time. I have enclosed for your information a copy of the notice that is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

In addition, because you assert wrongdoing on the part of the NRC Region IV staff, your Petition is also being referred to the Office of Inspector General for such action as it may deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Frank J. Miraglia

Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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