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Docket No. 50-257

Mr. A. Clegg Crawford  
Vice President, Electric Production  
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Dear Mr. Crawford:

SUBJECT: FORT ST. VRAIN - TEMPORARY WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE FROM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS RELATED TO PCRV COOLING WATER TEMPERATURES

By letter of May 20, 1992, Public Service Company of Colorado (PSC) requested a Waiver of Compliance from Technical Specification (TS) LCO 4.2.15, Pre-stressed Concrete Reactor Vessel (PCRV) Cooling Water Temperatures until the NRC could take action on PSC's TS amendment request of August 30, 1991, as supplemented May 19, 1992. The waiver would allow PSC to cool the Reactor Building and provide a more suitable work environment for removal of the spent fuel remaining in storage wells and for other work in preparation for decommissioning.

All fuel has been permanently removed from the PCRV and there is no need to control temperature of the PCRV liner and PCRV concrete. The PCRV's function now is to contain activated and contaminated reactor components. There is now no heat source in the PCRV and the 85 degree F minimum average water temperature limitation requires the addition of heat from steam heating coils. This results in uncomfortably hot conditions made worse by warm summer weather which could impact employee performance with respect to radiation safety issues.

Therefore, considering the fact that there are no safety implications of deleting the PCRV temperature requirements of LCO 4.2.15, PSC's May 20, 1992 request for temporary waiver is hereby granted with the concurrence of Mr. John M. Montgomery, Deputy Regional Administrator, Region IV. This temporary waiver of compliance remains in effect until NRC's action on PSC's proposed TS change is complete.

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Sincerely,  
Bruce A. Boger, Director  
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Sincerely,

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