NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TEXAS UTILITIES ELECTRIC COMPANY, ET AL. COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 2 DOCKET NO. 50-446

ORDER EXTENDING LATEST CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

The Texas Utilities Electric Company (TU Electric) is the holder of Construction Permit No. CPPR-127 issued by the Atomic Energy Commission on December 19, 1974, for construction of the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Unit 2, a nuclear facility utilizing a Westinghouse Electric Corporation nuclear steam supply system, at the Applicant's site in Somervell County, Texas.

By letter dated February 3, 1992, as supplemented on March 16, 1992, TU Electric filed a request for extension of the latest construction completion date specified in Construction Permit No. CPPR-127 to August 1, 1995. In its justification for the extension request TU Electric stated that the estimated one-year suspension of Unit 2 construction, which began in April 1988, was necessary to allow TU Electric to concentrate its resources on the completion of Unit 1. The completion and startup of Unit 1 took longer than anticipated, forcing TU Electric to delay significant design activities on Unit 2 until June 1990, followed by the resumption of significant construction activity in January 1991.

As discussed more fully in the staff's evaluation of the requested extension, we have concluded good cause has been shown for the delay and that the requested extension is for a reasonable period. We have further concluded that the requested extension involves no significant hazards consideration, and therefore no prior public notice is required.

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The NRC staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact which was published in the Federal Register on June 29, 1992 (57 FR 28885). The NRC staff has concluded that this action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment, and therefore, no environmental impact statement need be prepared.

For further details with respect to this action, see the applicant's request for extension dated February 3, 1992, as supplemented by letter dated March 16, 1992, and the staff's evaluation of the request, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Rcom, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555, and at the University of Texas at Arlington Library, Government Publications/Maps, 701 South Cooper, P. O. Box 19497, Arlington, Texas 76019.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the latest construction completion date for CPPR-127 be extended to August 1, 1995.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Bruce A. Boger, Director Division of Reactor Projects III/IV/V Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 28thday of July 1992.