



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Docket No.: 50-445

Mr. M. D. Spence
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Dear Mr. Spence:

Subject: Acceptability of ASME Code Relief Requests Pertaining to
the Preservice Inspection (PSI) Program for Comanche Peak
Steam Electric Station, Unit 1

In Supplement No. 4 to the Comanche Peak SER (NUREG-0797), the NRC staff reported that the PSI Program for Unit 1 was acceptable and met the provisions of Regulatory Guide 1.150 regarding inspection of the reactor vessel, except for the chapter on relief requested from the ASME Code examination requirements. The staff has since completed its review of the relief requests deemed to be impractical by your staff, as well as the alternative examination proposed in TUGCO letters dated October 7, 1982, March 10, 1983, May 6, 1983, November 8, 1983 and August 29, 1984. The enclosed evaluation report, which we propose to incorporate in a future SER supplement, contains the results of the staff's assessment of the relief requested and alternatives proposed, concluding that the relief requested is being allowed pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(2). The enclosed report also contains the staff's findings with respect to the ability to perform ultrasonic examination of cast stainless steel piping welds, (the techniques of which were demonstrated at the plant site on March 20-21, 1984), and concludes that issue to be resolved to the staff's satisfaction.

If there are any questions or clarification required, please contact John J. Stefano of my staff at (301) 492-7037.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated

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