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November 19, 1984

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Dear Director:

RE: Hayden Haby

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Return attention: Greg Talley

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The Honorable John Tower
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Dear Mr. Tower

I would like to express my deep concern about the delays in the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station Licensing Process which only result in higher consumer cost and unavailable electrical reserves.

The Comanche Peak Plant is practically ready to load fuel and commence testing to begin commercial operation. The following are facts concerning the Texas Utilities (TU) system.

1. The TU system reached a peak load of 15265 Megawatts (MW) on August 29, 1984 exceeding the 1983 estimate of 14300 MW. The operating reserve decreased to 2652 MW or 14.7% based on the TU System capacity of 17890 MW. However, the TU System's only had an actual 6 % reserve capacity on August 29 due to unanticipated plant outages.

2. The TU System did not have an alternate source of power during the load peak.

3. The 1985 summer peak is expected to be 8.8% greater than the 1983 peak. A 16608 MW peak would leave 1282 MW or 7.2 % reserve. The Comanche Peak Unit One could provide an additional 1139 MW.

Depending on the TU System total capacity is some what risky and idealistic due unexpected generating loss, excessive load growth and natural gas curtailment. The consequences of the slightest unexpected circumstance can be a system brownout causing a loss of industrial production and residential service.

Each day of delay at Comanche Peak cost the Utility and consumer about one million dollars in preventable interest, operating and replacement fuel costs.

I feel there is a necessity for the Atomic Safety Board Licensing hearings however, certain anti-nuclear power groups use them as delaying tactics. Therefore the Hearings need to be expedited in the following manner.

1. Create alternate ASLB hearings.

2. Create deadlines for submitting all safety concerns. Any subsequent concern would be submitted to the NRC for investigation.

3. Inform your colleagues with TU constituents of the consequences of licensing delays.

I have greatly enjoyed you service to the state, nation and world as a Senator and your influence will be truly missed. I would deeply appreciate your response.

Thank You

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FROM: DUE: 12/13/84 EDO CONTROL: 000146
DOC DT: 11/19/84
SEN. JOHN TOWER FINAL REPLY:

TO:

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FOR SIGNATURE OF: ** GREEN ** SECY NO: 84-2011

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DESC: ROUTING:

ENCLOSES LTR FROM HAYDEN G. HABY, JR. RE DELAYS IN LICENSING PROCESS FOR COMANCHE PEAK

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ASSIGNED TO: NRR DATE: 11/29/84
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

RETURN INCOMING WITH REPLY.

Received NRR: 11/29/84
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NUMBER: 84-2011 LOGGING DATE: 11/27/84

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ACTION OFFICE: EDO

AUTHOR: Sen John Tower, Const Ref

AFFILIATION: Hayden Haby

LETTER DATE: 11/19/84 FILE CODE: ID&R-5 Comanche Peak

ADDRESSEE: OCA

SUBJECT: Delays in the lic process for Comanche Peak

ACTION: Direct Reply...Suspense: Dec 7

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SPECIAL HANDLING: None

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FOR THE COMMISSION: Billie

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