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REPORT OF INCUIRY

September 20, 1983

SUBJECT:

COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION: ALLEGED POOR MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

REPORT NUMBER: 04-83-023

- On September 16, 1983, Greg HYMAN, a former Brown & Root, Inc., electrician at 1. Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSES), entered the Office of Investigations Field Office (OIFO), Region IV, and requested the opportunity to talk to an investigator. HYMAN was interviewed at the OIFO, Region IV, by NRC Investigator H. Brooks GRIFFIN. HYMAN stated he was employed at CPSES from March 3, 1983. to September 13, 1983, at which time he quit because he was "unhappy" with his job. HYMAN said his foreman was Tom McNUTT and his general foreman was Ron HARPER.
- HYMAN stated that McNUTT and HARPER hired pipefitter Daniel MORRIS (not further 2. identified) as an electrician, and once realizing he (MORRIS) was not trained as an electrician, continued to employ him rather than admit their (McNUTT's and HARPER's) mistake. HYMAN said other electricians (not further identified) were made to perform MORRIS' work. HYMAN said that MORRIS was hired in June 1983, and that MORRIS voluntarily terminated his employment with Brown & Root, Inc., in September 1983 (reason for MORRIS' leaving unknown). HYMAN said that after MORRIS quit, he was assigned by McNUTT to rework many of the jobs formerly performed by MORRIS. HYMAN said McNUTT placed a lot of pressure on him to complete this rework.
- HYMAN complained that pressure was applied by McNUTT wherein he would not allow 3. him to requisition material (not further identified) from the Fab Shop, and that he (HYMAN) had to find various required materials laying around the site needed to complete these tasks. HYMAN said that McNUTT threatened to fire him on August 24, 1983, for "looking around" (scrounging) for materials, even though it was his (HYMAN's) only source for material.
- HYMAN also said that McNUTT would give him verbal instructions and would not give 4. him (HYMAN) the documentation for work he was assigned to perform. HYMAN said he often had to ascertain the problems (not further identified) he was to repair from other workers assigned to the area. HYMAN said that McNUTT would not assist him (provide him with supervision), and regularly accused him of "screwing off" (wasting time). HYMAN said he did his work properly.
- 5. HYMAN said he did have a problem with 60 or 70 cable tray hangers (not further identified) on elevation 810 in the Safeguards Building which were not constructed according to the instructions contained in the DCAs (Design Change Authorizations). HYMAN stated he could not recall the specific instructions that were violated in the DCAs. HYMAN recalled he used blueprint numbers S901, 902, and 930 (not further identified) to work on the 60 or 70 hangers.

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6. This report is provided for your information only. The Office of Investigations Field Office, Region IV, does not plan on conducting any further investigation.

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: HYMAN was vague regarding specific details relating to his concerns and was unable to provide any further identifying data.

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