In Reply Refer To: Docket: 50-267

Public Service Company of Colorado ATTN: O. R. Lee, Vice President Electric Production P.O. Box 840 Denver, Colorado 80201

Dear Mr. Lee:

Recent telephone conversations with a member of your staff on the status of the B-O Start-Up Test Program has raised some questions as to your previous submittals on this subject and your schedule for completing the program. The NRC Project Manager has been informed that data is not available for the November 9, 1981, transient which is referenced in your August 30, 1983, and January 13, 1984, submittals. We are concerned because the above submittals state that "this transient more than adequately demonstrated the plant response and in our opinion represented a more severe transient than that imposed by Sequences 79 and 80," and "We are currently evaluating this transient to more specifically address the individual elements of the current test and will submit the findings."

Therefore, to resolve our questions and concerns we request that, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(f), you provide the details of the above mentioned transient together with data to support its substitution for the required test or a firm commitment to perform the required test at the earliest possible date. In addition, we request that you provide the Licensee Amendment Application discussed in both of your submittals as being needed to perform the Xenon stability tests, together with a commitment to complete all of the initial rise to power tests at the earliest possible date. This submittal should be made within 90 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions on this subject, please contact the NRC Project Manager.

Since this reporting requirement relates solely to the Fort St. Vrain Station, OMB clearance is not required under PL 96-511.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By E. H. Johnson

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