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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Administrative Judges:

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In the Matter of

TEXAS UTILITIES ELECTRIC COMPANY, et al.

(Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station,
Units 1 and 2)

Docket Nos. 50-445-0L 50-446-0L

ASLBP No. 79-430-06 OL

November 6, 1984

MEMORANDUM

(Applicants' Motion for Reconsideration About Pipe Support Information)

Applicants' Motion for Reconsideration of Memorandum and Order (More Detail on Individual Pipe Supports), November 5, 1984 shall be granted. There is no need for Applicants to submit any further information unless they choose.

However, Applicants should be advised that the Board does not feel that it has a complete paper trail on the pipe supports in question and that the record appears to be lacking in empirical evidence concerning the adequacy and promptness of Applicants' QA system for design. Furthermore, our reading of Applicants' findings in light of the discussions between Applicants and Staff persuades us that there may well be more than 21 unstable supports, some of which have been repaired. This expands the universe to which the Board must generalize from a sample provided to us by Applicants.

It is our understanding of the stipulation among the parties about written filings motions that, as we deliberate, we will be requesting information with which to reach a reasoned decision. No party need file any information we request. All we are doing is affording an opportunity to file information we consider necessary. We have provided this opportunity at the earliest time we became aware of the need as the result of our study and deliberations.

The Board wants to learn about the way quality assurance worked with respect to specific, allegedly unstable supports. See LBP 83-81, 18 NRC 1410, 1423-1426. We want to know not what Applicants say about the OA system but about what they have actually done. If Applicants can satisfy the Board without responding to our October 18 Order or by responding in a different way, they may attempt to do so. Or if Applicants ascertain that the Staff will provide the necessary information, that also may satisfy the Board's needs.

ORDER

For all the foregoing reasons and based on consideration of the entire record in this matter, it is this 6th day of November 1984 ORDERED:

That Applicants need not provide information requested by the Board in our October 18, 1984 Memorandum and Order. If they do choose to provide the information, the procedures previously set forth shall govern.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Fater B. Bloch, Chairman ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Bethesda, Maryland