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February 13, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Files

FROM:

Richard P. Denise, Director

Division of Resident, Reactor Project and Engineering Programs

SUBJECT:

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF TEXAS UTILITIES GENERATING COMPANY (TUGCO) AND THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

(NRC) ON FEBRUARY 2, 1984 (DN: 50-445 and 50-446)

The meeting was opened by John T. Collins, Regional Administrator, RIV, at 10:00 a.m. at the EOF, Comanche Peak site.

Mr. Collins stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the actions which are being taken by TUGCO to assure that quality assurance personnel are guaranteed the organizational freedom necessary to vigorously implement a QA program at Comanche Peak. He then asked each attendee at the meeting to introduce themselves. A list of attendees is attached. Mr. Collins then asked R. J. Gary, Executive Vice President of TUGCO, to discuss their corrective action program.

Mr. Gary stated that TUGCO was strongly committed to quality assurance and that the company has been from the beginning of the Comanche Peak project. He said that they fully support the necessity for organizational freedom to identify quality problems as required by Appendix B. He then asked B. R. Clements, Vice President for Nuclear Operations at TUGCO, to brief the group on TUGCO's OA/OC program.

Mr. Clements stated that while TUGCO has always been dedicated to QA/QC, they are now making an effort to re-emphasize QA/QC. They felt that the program they had was adequate, but they had decided to take a new look at the program and thus began a new, stronger program.

A color and sound slide presentation was then given which focused on what TUGCO described as its commitment to a strong and effective QA/QC program. The thrust of the first part of the presentation was that quality must be built into the plant. The presentation stated how employees could report quality concerns. They could report such concerns to their supervisors, QA/QC people, the 24-hour Quality Hotline set up for that purpose, or to the NRC at either the site office or the regional office in Arlington. The presentation encouraged employees to report any defect they noticed. Mr. Clements stated that over 5,000 people had seen the slide presentation including approximately 100% of the people on the job site.

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Meetings were held with all inspectors for the purpose of informing them that QA/QC was firm company policy and that the inspectors could go to any supervisory level if necessary to report problems. He described the Quality Hotline (1-800-442-3022) started by the company for use by individuals who wanted to report quality concerns.

In order to keep information on the company's new QA/QC program in the fore-front, TUGCO has had posters, bumper stickers, lunch box and visor stickers, and pay envelope inserts prepared and distributed which highlight the program. Every employee received a pay envelope insert in December 1983. In addition, they have placed a number of ads in all three major DFW metropolitan newspapers which also affirm the company commitment to quality at Comanche Peak according to Mr. Clements.

Mr. Clements stated that TUGCO has also hired Boyce Greer, a former NRC regional administrator, who is also on the Perry QA Oversight Committee with Cleveland Electric for the purpose of proving to himself and others that TUGCO is running a "clean outfit." He will look at anything a QA/QC inspector thinks is wrong. Mr. Gary added that Mr. Greer is available at the job site to Mr. Tolson, TUGCO's Construction QA Supervisor, and his men.

Mr. Collins asked Mr. Gary to brief the group on TUGCO's policy statement issued on December 20, 1983, to all personnel assigned to Comanche Peak. Mr. Gary stated that the policy statement was essentially a restatement of the policy which the company has had all along and that was that acts of intimidation, harassment or threats will not be tolerated. Personnel engaging in such acts would be subject to disciplinary action including termination.

Mr. A. Vega, TUGCO's Supervisor of QA Services, then gave a briefing on the firing of Mr. Dunham which has been the center of some controversy and the subject of a complaint by Mr. Dunham to the Department of Labor pursuant to Sec. 210 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended. Mr. Vega said that he was assigned to conduct an internal investigation of Mr. Dunham's firing by Mr. Clements. Mr. Vega started the investigation by talking with every single coatings inspector on the Comanche Peak site. He solicited any input that they would construe as harassment, threat, intimidation, or pressure on the job. Mr. Vega also investigated all cited incidents. As a result of his investigation, he determined that the coatings were in compliance with standards. He did not find any instances of intimidation.

Mr. Gary said that in summary they had tried to give the group insight into what TUGCO's management believes in and on what is going on.

The meeting was closed by Mr. Collins at 11:00 a.m.

Richard P. Denise, Director Division of Resident, Reactor Project and Engineering Programs

Attachment

cc: Proposition

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TUGCO/Construction QA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Administrative Judges:

Peter B. Bloch, Chairman Dr. Kenneth A. McCollom Dr. Walter H. Jordan

In the Matter of

Docket Nos. 50-445 50-446

TEXAS UTILITIES ELECTRIC COMPANY

(Application for Operating License)

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

March 8, 1984

MEMORANDUM

(Schedule and Policy of the Office of Investigation)

To assist the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to fulfill its obligation to conduct fair and efficient Hearings, the Office of Investigation of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is requested to file by March 16, 1984:

- (1) Its target dates for the completion and release of the report of each of the pending investigations relating to Comanche Peak, including its best judgment of whether some of these investigations might represent discrete subjects that could be set for separate hearings and its best judgment (including a statement of the sources of uncertainty) of when all significant investigations will be completed; and
- (2) Its policy for filing completed reports with this Board subject to a protective order or in some other way that will permit the Board to review the appropriateness of deletions made by OI in order to protect its confidential sources.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Peter B. Bloch, Chairman ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Bethesda, Maryland

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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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TEXAS UTILITIES ELECTRIC COMPANY, et al.

(Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2) Docket Nos. 50-445/2 50-446/2

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "NRC STAFF'S PROPOSED STANDARD FOR LITIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF INTIMIDATION" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class, or, as indicated by an asterisk, through deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system, this 12th day of June, 1984:

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