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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION FOR TEXAS UTILITIES ELECTRIC RESPONSE TO
GENERIC LETTER 96-05, "PERIODIC VERIFICATION OF DESIGN-BASIS
CAPABILITY OF SAFETY-RELATED MOTOR-OPERATED VALVES,"
COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS.
M97033 AND M97034)

Dear Mr. Terry:

On September 18, 1996, the NRC issued Generic Letter (GL) 96-05, "Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves," requesting each nuclear power plant licensee to establish a program, or to ensure the effectiveness of its current program, to verify on a periodic basis that safety-related motor-operated valves (MOVs) continue to be capable of performing their safety functions within the current licensing bases of the facility.

On November 15, 1996, Texas Utilities Electric (TU Electric, licensee) submitted a 60-day response to GL 96-05 indicating its intent to implement the actions requested in GL 96-05 at Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSES), Units 1 and 2. On March 14, 1997, the licensee submitted a 180-day response to GL 96-05 providing a summary description of the MOV periodic verification program planned at that time to be implemented at CPSES Units 1 and 2. In submittals dated May 21 and June 24, 1998, the licensee revised its response to GL 96-05 and updated its plans for establishing an MOV periodic verification program.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's submittals and applicable NRC inspection reports, and finds that the licensee has established an acceptable program to verify periodically the design-basis capability of the safety-related MOVs at CPSES Units 1 and 2. As discussed in the enclosed safety evaluation, the NRC staff concludes that the licensee is adequately addressing the actions requested in GL 96-05 at CPSES Units 1 and 2. The NRC staff may conduct inspections to verify the implementation of the MOV periodic verification program at CPSES Units 1 and 2 is in accordance with the licensee's commitments; the attached NRC safety evaluation; the NRC safety evaluation dated October 30, 1997, on the Joint Owners Group Program on MOV Periodic Verification; and the NRC safety evaluation dated August 14, 1998, on the CPSES Units 1 and 2 risk-informed inservice testing program.

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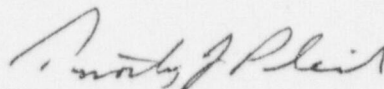
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