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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of	
TEXAS UTILITIES GENERATING COMPANY, et al.) Docket Nos. 50-445A 50-446A
(Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2)	
HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER COMPANY, et al.)) Docket Nos. 50-498A) 50-499A
(South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2)	
ANSWER OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH W	EST CORPORATION, ET AL.

ANSWER OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH WEST CORPORATION, ET AL. TO THE MOTION BY TEXAS UTILITIES GENERATING COMPANY FOR PARTIAL CONSOLIDATION

On November 16, 1978, Texus Utilities Generating Company moved for partial consolidation of the above-referenced matters. Central and South West Corporation ("CSW") and its four operating subsidiaries^{*/} are intervenors in the <u>Comanche Peak</u> proceeding. Central Power & Light Company is an applicant in the <u>South Texas</u> proceeding. This filing represents the answer by CSW and its four operating subsidiaries to Texas Utilities Generating Company's Motion for Partial Consolidation.

CSW et al. believe that Texas Utilities Generating Company has demonstrated good cause for consolidation.

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^{*/} Central Power & Light Company, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power Company and West Texas Utilities Company.

Consolidation will be control cive to the proper dispatch of the Commission's business and to the ends of justice. <u>CSW et al.</u>, however, recommend <u>full</u>, rather than partial, consolidation of the two proceedings. There is no reason to engage in separate hearings, as common issues and parties are involved in the two proceedings. In the event issues unique to either <u>South Texas</u> or <u>Comanche Peak</u> arise during the course of the consolidated proceeding, the Board may make appropriate arrangements for separate consideration of any such issues at that time. In the event consolidation is ordered, the Board should establish dates applicable to the consolidated proceeding. Some adjustment in the date by which discovery must be concluded in the consolidated proceeding may well be required.

For the foregoing reasons, CSW <u>et al.</u> urge that full consolidation of the <u>South Texas</u> and <u>Comanche Peak</u> proceedings be ordered.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the "Answer to Motion for Partial Consolidation" in the captioned matters were served upon the following persons by deposit in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, this 1st day of December, 1978.

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