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SUBJECT: COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION (CPSES) DOCKET NOS. 50-445 AND 50-446 IMPROPERLY DEFINED WELD LENGTHS SDAR: CP-87-72 (INTERIM REPORT)

Gentlemen:

On August 24, 1987, we verbally notified your Mr. H. S. Phillips of a deficiency involving inadequate measurement of weld length in joints of structural tube steel for small bore and large bore piping supports. Specifically, the required effective length for single flare, bevel and fillet welds for large bore and small bore tubular steel pipe supports was not properly defined in the design, construction and inspection procedures for these supports, resulting in inconsistencies in actual weld length. This condition was identified during third party inspections and is addressed in Corrective Action Request (CAR) 078X. This is an interim report of a potentially reportable deficiency under the provisions of 10CFR50.55(e). Our latest interim report was logged TXX-6768, dated September 23, 1987.

We are continuing our evaluation of this issue. We will provide our next report no later than February 11, 1988.

Very truly yours,

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