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General Comment

RE: Docket ID NRC-2022-0183

Dear NRC:

Don't extend aging Comanche Peak nuclear licenses.

I strongly urge you to reject the application by Vistra to extend operating licenses for the Comanche Peak nuclear power reactors for another 20 years. To protect public health, safety, security, and financial health, these reactors should retire as licensed, on or before 2030 and 2033.

I ask that in-person scoping meetings be held in Texas, as originally planned, when Covid risks subside. I also ask that a hearing opportunity be allowed for those seeking to intervene and that the deadline for requesting a hearing be postponed for 90 days past the current January 30 deadline.

Both an afternoon and evening public meeting were scheduled, then postponed at the last moment, with no adequate public notice. Four hours of in-person meeting time were reduced to only two hours online. There is now no evening opportunity to participate for people who work during the day, and not everyone can access online meetings. There will thus be no exhibits or opportunity to speak directly with NRC staff.

My concern revolves around increased safety and financial risks resulting from permitting another 20 years of Comanche Peak nuclear reactor operation. Risks from stress corrosion cracking, metal fatigue and embrittlement will inevitably increase, thereby increasing accident risks and potential for deadly releases of radiation. There are 7.76 million residents in nearby Dallas/Ft. Worth. Public health and safety must come first in this decision.

Scoping should consider there is no need for 20 added years of nuclear power. Renewable solar and wind generation are the most affordable and safest way to meet energy needs. Texas has abundant renewable resources to tap and a grid to move the power as needed.

Seismic concerns of both the reactors and the Squaw Creek Reservoir must be re-examined in light of recent earthquake activity. Comanche Peak is within the Barnett Shale, a region with extensive fracking and numerous injection wells. There are fault lines in the area and a magnitude 3 earthquake had its epicenter only 20 miles from the site. The reservoir water contains radioactive tritium, and the integrity of the earthen dam must be included in the scoping, including the extent of inspections and past and anticipated impacts to the dam from seismic activity.

Please extend the deadline for intervention and host in-person meetings and hearings.

Thank you.