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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 the operating licenses for the Comanche Peak nuclear power reactors for an additional 20 years.

Do your job- protect public health, safety, security, and financial health. Retire the reactors as licensed, on or before 2030 and 2033.

I request that in-person scoping meetings be held in Texas, as originally planned, as Covid risks have subsided. I request 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.

Return to the original plan of an afternoon and an evening public meeting were scheduled. Four hours of in-person meeting time were reduced to only two hours online. Resume 4 hour meeting time. There must be an evening opportunity to participate for people who work in the day. In addition, not everyone can access online meetings. In-person testimony or opportunity to speak directly with NRC staff must be reinstated, as well.

I am deeply concerned about the increased safety and financial risks that would result from allowing another 20 years of Comanche Peak nuclear reactor operation. Risks from stress corrosion cracking, metal fatigue and embrittlement increase over time, increasing accident risks and the potential for radiation releases. There are 7.76 million residents in nearby Dallas/Ft. Worth. Public health and safety should come first in this decision.

Scoping should also consider that there is no need for 20 more 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 need to 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 for considering my comments.

Sincerely,