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Luminant has submitted the attached letters to the NRC:

TXNB-11053 provided supplemental information for RAI No. 5369 (CP RAI #196) in FSAR 9.5.2.

TXNB-11054 responded to RAI No. 5798 (CP RAI #221) addressing two questions about the SASSI analyses

If there are any questions regarding the submittals, please contact me or contact Don Woodlan (254-897-6887, [Donald.Woodlan@luminant.com](mailto:Donald.Woodlan@luminant.com)).

Thanks,

*John J. Conly*

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SUBJECT: COMANCHE PEAK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 3 AND 4  
DOCKET NUMBERS 52-034 AND 52-035  
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NO. 5798  
(SECTION 3.7.2)

Dear Sir:

Luminant Generation Company LLC (Luminant) submits herein the response to Request for Additional Information (RAI) No. 5798 (CP RAI #221) for the Combined License Application for Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant Units 3 and 4. The RAI addresses the SASSI analyses.

Should you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Don Woodlan (254-897-6887, Donald.Woodlan@luminant.com) or me.

The six commitments made in this letter are captured on page 2.

I state under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 4, 2011.

Sincerely,

Luminant Generation Company LLC



Rafael Flores

Attachment: Response to Request for Additional Information No. 5798 (CP RAI #221)

## Regulatory Commitments in this Letter

This communication contains the following new or revised commitments which will be completed or incorporated into the CPNPP licensing basis as noted:

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Commitment</u>  | <u>Due Date/Event</u> |
|---------------|--|-----------------------|
| 8290          | Luminant has addressed the technical issues raised by the DNFSB letter through an initial evaluation of the existing analyses results for the structures listed in the response to item 1, as described further in item 3. The initial evaluation will be finalized and documented along with a comparison study which will be available in November 2011.   | November 30, 2011     |
|               | Luminant makes the following commitments to assess changes in the standard plant seismic design:   |                       |
| 8291          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify subsections of the COL application, in particular FSAR Chapter 3 and related Appendices, which need to be updated to show new standard plant structures' configuration changes and numerical results (such as ISRS). This assessment will be submitted to the NRC by the end of October 2011.</li> </ul>   | October 31, 2011      |
| 8292          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the seismic design and identify updates to the COLA for any new analyses specifically required as a result of the updated standard plant methodology (e.g. evaluation for selection, if necessary based on seismic stability evaluations, of a standard plant shear key design option). This assessment will be submitted to the NRC by the end of December 2011.</li> </ul> | December 30, 2011     |
| 8293          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform final confirmatory reviews of the seismic design. Provide a detailed mark-up of the COLA where changes to standard plant configuration or numerical results occur (such as FSAR Appendix 3NN) in an update tracking report (UTR) by the end of February 2012.</li> </ul>  | February 28, 2012     |
|               | Luminant makes the following commitments to assess potential change impacts on the site-specific structures' design due to changes in standard plant design methodology:   |                       |
| 8294          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify subsections of the COLA, in particular FSAR Chapter 3 and related Appendices, which may be impacted by changes in standard plant design methodology. This assessment will be submitted to the NRC by the end of October 2011.</li> </ul>   | October 31, 2011      |
| 8295          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform final confirmatory reviews of the seismic design, review and update the COLA if required, including detailed mark-ups of any needed changes, which will be included in a UTR by the end of February 2012.</li> </ul>  | February 28, 2012     |

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## RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Comanche Peak, Units 3 and 4**

**Luminant Generation Company LLC**

**Docket Nos. 52-034 and 52-035**

**RAI NO.: 5798 (CP RAI #221)**

**SRP SECTION: 03.07.02 - Seismic System Analysis**

**QUESTIONS for Structural Engineering Branch 1 (AP1000/EPR Projects) (SEB1)**

**DATE OF RAI ISSUE: 6/3/2011**

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### QUESTION NO.: 03.07.02-21

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) issued a letter on April 8, 2011 requesting the Department of Energy (DOE) to address technical and software quality assurance issues related to potentially erroneous seismic analyses performed using the SASSI Subtraction method. The April 8, 2011 letter may be found on the DOE Departmental Representative to the DNFSB website:  
<http://www.hss.energy.gov/deprep/>.

Chapter 3, Appendix 3NN of the Comanche Peak COL FSAR states that the US-APWR standard plant employs this subtraction method. Very limited information was provided about what method was used for other seismic category I structures at Comanche Peak, Units 3 & 4. To ensure the applicant has adequately met General Design Criteria (GDC) 1 and 2 and Appendix B to Part 50, the staff requests Luminant to provide the following information:

1. Confirm whether the SASSI Subtraction method is used in the analyses of seismic category I standard and site-specific structures.
2. Provide how Luminant addressed the technical and software quality assurance issues raised by DNFSB letter in the version of SASSI which Luminant uses for analyses of all seismic category I structures part of the Comanche Peak Units 3 and 4.
3. If the SASSI Subtraction method is used by Luminant, provide an assessment to establish: a) the seismic analyses performed in support of the Comanche Peak RCOL application does not contain any errors or anomalies as identified in DNFSB letter, b) the quality assurance steps taken to ensure that any future seismic analyses in support of the Comanche Peak application will be free from errors or anomalies as identified in DNFSB letter.

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### ANSWER:

1. The Subtraction method, Flexible Interface – Flexible Soil Interface Nodes (Fi-FSIN), in ACS SASSI NQA Version 2.2.1 is the method that was used in the embedded analyses for Comanche Peak Units



3 and 4, which consisted of analyses for the Reactor Building (R/B) complex, Ultimate Heat Sink Related Structures (UHSRS), Power Source Fuel Storage Vaults (PSFSVs), and Essential Service Water Pipe Tunnel (ESWPT) Segments 1 and 3. The soil-structure interaction (SSI) code included in ACS SASSI NQA Version 2.2.1 includes two optional methods for substructuring that can be used to compute the soil impedances. These two methods are Flexible Interface method, which is equivalent to the SASSI 2000 Subtraction method, and the Flexible Volume method, which is more robust and accurate, but is much more intense in terms of computation efforts required by the program. The Subtraction method was selected for Comanche Peak Units 3 and 4 because of its practicality.

2. Luminant has addressed the technical issues raised by the DNFSB letter through an initial evaluation of the existing analyses results for the structures listed in the response to item 1, as described further in item 3. The initial evaluation will be finalized and documented along with a comparison study which will be available in November 2011. The comparison study will be an SSI analysis sensitivity study for the embedded PSFSVs using three different SSI methods [Subtraction/FI-FSIN, Modified Subtraction/Flexible Interface – Excavated Volume Boundary Nodes (FI-EVBN), Direct/Flexible Volume (FV)]. The accuracy of the results obtained from the three different methods in terms of the acceleration transfer functions (ATF) and in-structure response spectra (ISRS) will be evaluated and compared for selected key locations in the three orthogonal directions. The SSI analyses will be performed for the lower bound and high bound soil profiles. Among the site-specific structures, the PSFSVs are selected for the comparison study because they have embedment depths that are representative of the other two site-specific structure types (UHSRS and ESWPT). The R/B complex is a standard plant structure with seismic design margins much greater than the site-specific seismic demands, as documented in FSAR Section 3.7.1 and Appendix 3NN. Therefore, the R/B complex is not selected for a comparison study since its design, relative to the Comanche Peak Units 3 and 4 sites, is not sensitive to potential anomalies outlined in the DNFSB letter.

Refer to item 3(b) regarding software quality assurance issues raised by the DNFSB letter in the version of SASSI which Luminant uses for analyses of all seismic category I structures that are part of the Comanche Peak Units 3 and 4 COLA.

3. The following assessments are provided:
  - a) A number of investigative studies performed recently (References 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) have identified that in certain cases under certain site conditions the Subtraction method could produce some spurious peaks and valleys in the computed ATF and this could introduce inaccuracies in the computed ISRS. Typically, in most situations where the Subtraction method results in anomalous behavior, very sharp ATF peaks are produced which are much higher than they should be. Even though the Subtraction method could result in anomalous behavior in certain conditions, it would have numerical instabilities that would most likely produce unrealistically high results. Although investigations have shown it is unlikely that the Subtraction method will produce unconservative results, this cannot be entirely ruled out as a possibility on a generic basis.

For Comanche Peak Units 3 and 4, the seismic input is a CSDRS spectrum shape tied to a 0.1 g PGA. The frequency content is rich in the lower and intermediate frequencies (up to approximately 20 Hz) that can typically be considered the threshold above which the Subtraction method numerical instabilities could influence results. Also, the Comanche Peak site-specific soil layering is a very stiff soil as documented in FSAR Table 2.5.2-227. The average shear wave velocity of the limestone rock formation (Layer C), upon which seismic category I structures are founded, is greater than 5800 ft/sec. Thus, the combination of the CSDRS seismic input tied to a low 0.1 g PGA, with such stiff soil under seismic category I foundations, results in site conditions that are not critical with regard to potential numerical instabilities associated with the Subtraction method.

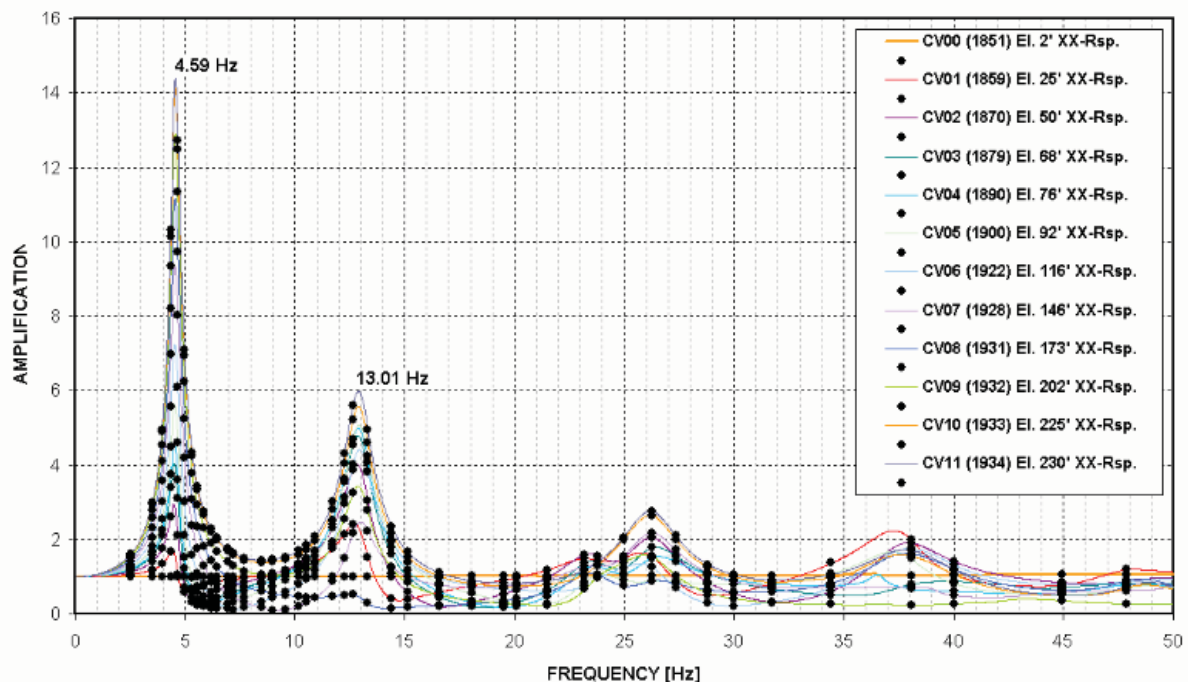
Review of the computed ATF for the Comanche Peak embedded structure analyses indicated that there are no anomalies associated with the Subtraction method that could significantly affect the computed ISRS or cause unconservative results. Most of the computed ATF functions are smooth over the entire frequency range from 0 to 50 Hz, which was the highest cut-off SSI frequency.

Representative examples are given in Figures 1 through 8 below for the computed ATF for various locations and soil cases for the RB complex, PSFSV, ESWPT and UHSRS. With a few exceptions, all curves are smooth and do not indicate any sharp peaks that could be a Subtraction method numerical instability. For the PSFSV ATF in the Z-direction (Figure 4), a number of sharp peaks, corresponding to data plot points are visible particularly above 40 Hz. Even assuming that these high-frequency peaks are spurious peaks associated with the Subtraction methodology and not associated with interpolation of data, they do not affect the ISRS, which have significant values at much lower frequencies due to the CSDRS-shaped seismic input motion. Another exception occurs for a UHSRS ATF as shown in Figure 8, where a sharp peak occurs at approximately 26 Hz. Due to the narrow bandwidth of the ATF spike and the fact that the ISRS peaks have much larger bandwidth than the ATF peaks, ATF spikes such as the one shown in Figure 8 will have negligible influence on the ISRS, and will result only in increases in ISRS amplitude, which is in the conservative direction.

In conclusion, the review of all ATF plots for the existing Comanche Peak Units 3 and 4 ACS SASSI NQA Version 2.2.1 analyses results indicates that there are no issues related to the ISRS computation due to application of the Subtraction method that could affect the design significantly or in an unconservative manner.

In addition to the technical assessment described above, Luminant is performing additional comparison studies for the PSFSV structures, as described in the response to Item 2 above, using the newer, more advanced ACS SASSI NQA Version 2.3.0 and all three embedded analysis methods.

### SASSI PCCV Stick Model – Transfer Functions for NS Translation



### SASSI Rigid Base Model – Transfer Functions for PCCV NS Translation

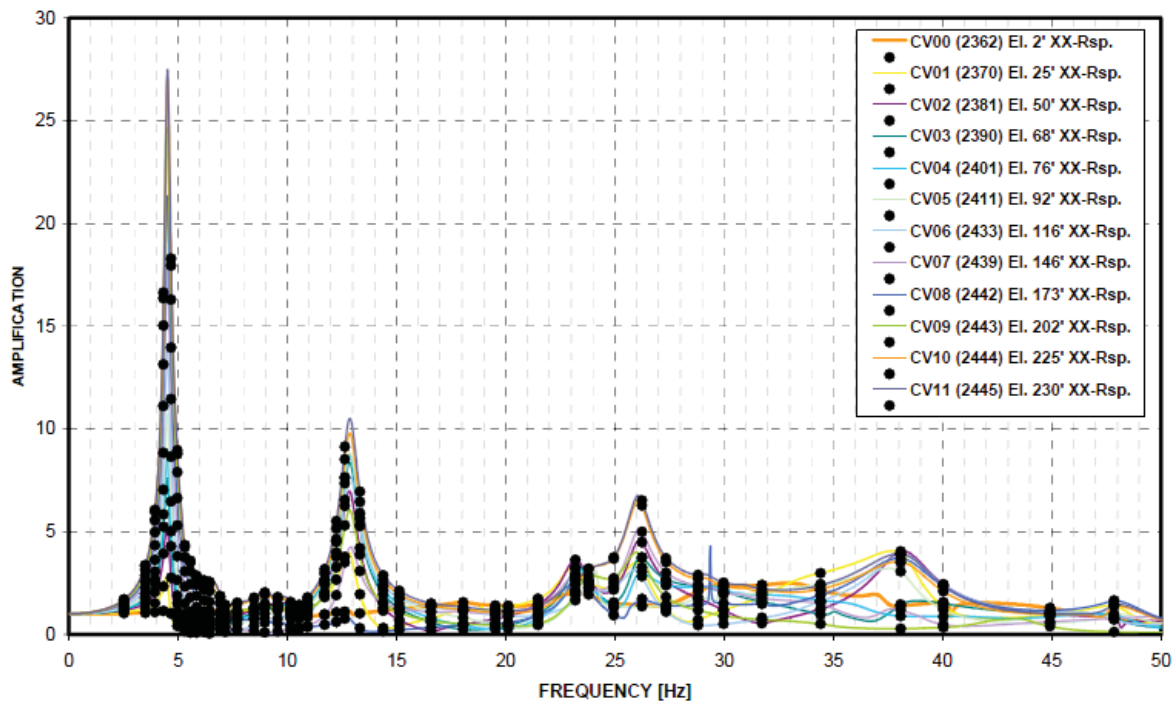
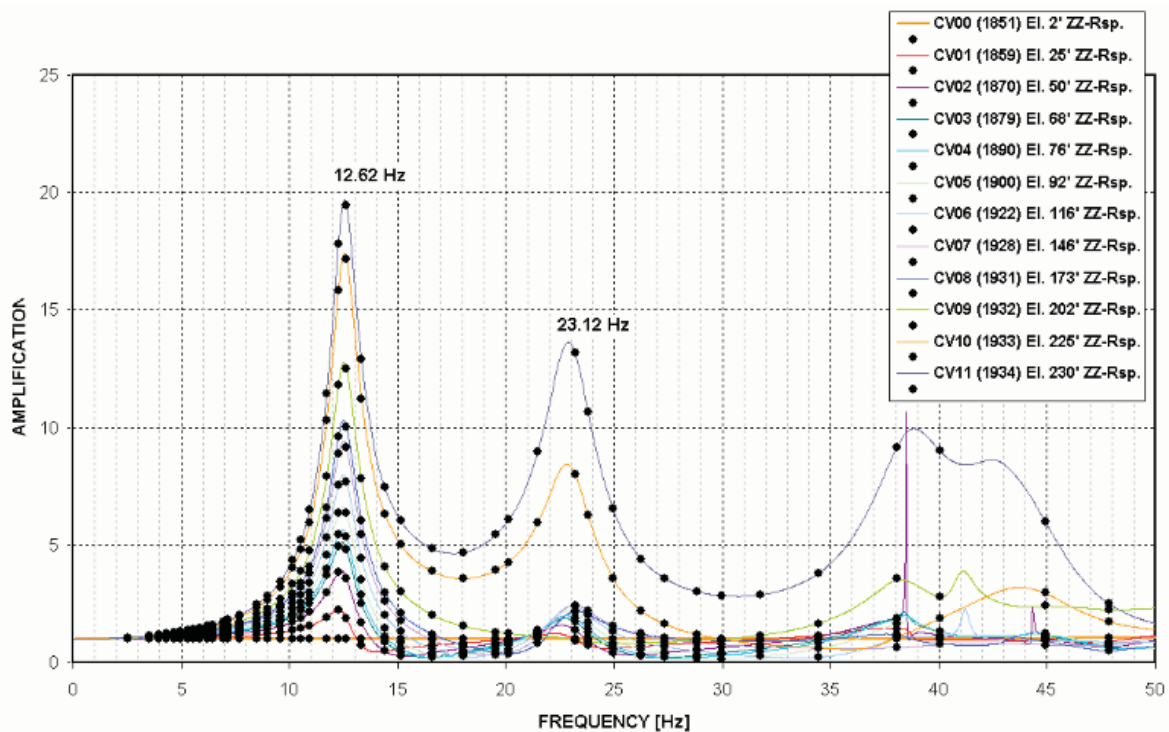


Figure 1. Computed ATF for RB Complex PCCV Structure for All Elevations in NS Direction

### SASSI PCCV Stick Model – Transfer Functions for Vert. Translation



### SASSI Rigid Base Model – Transfer Functions for PCCV Vert. Translation

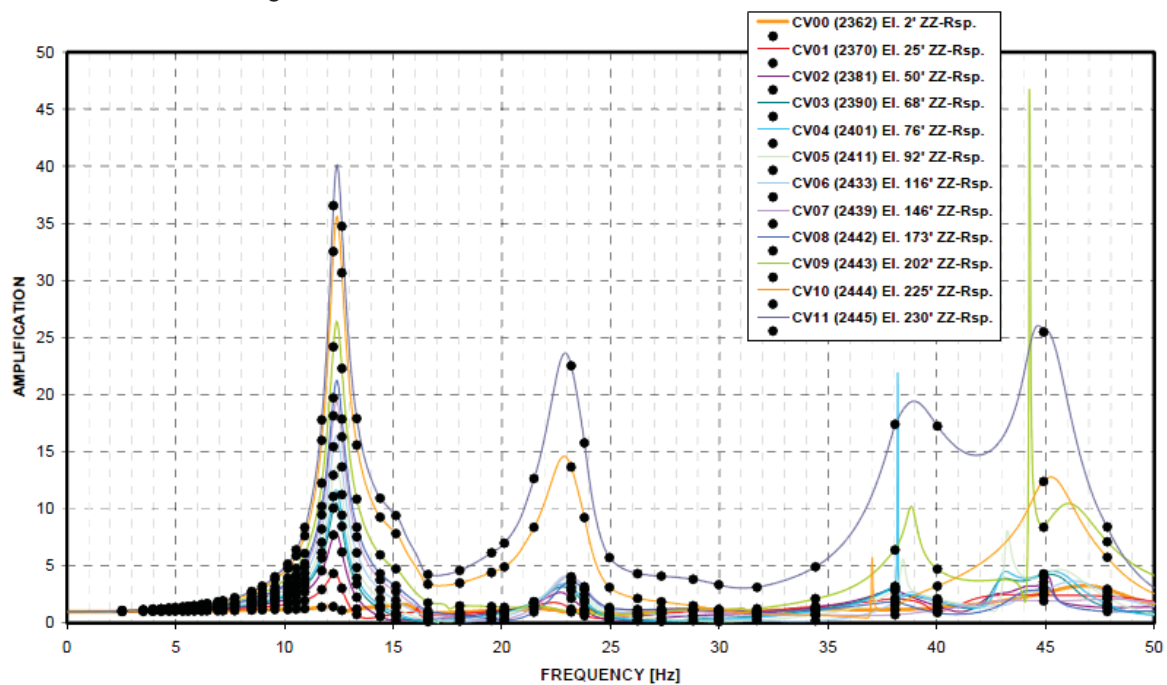


Figure 2. Computed ATF for RB Complex PCCV Structure for All Elevations in Z- Direction

# Response Transfer Function for Node 01872 Lower Bound Rock, No Fill, with Additional Frequencies

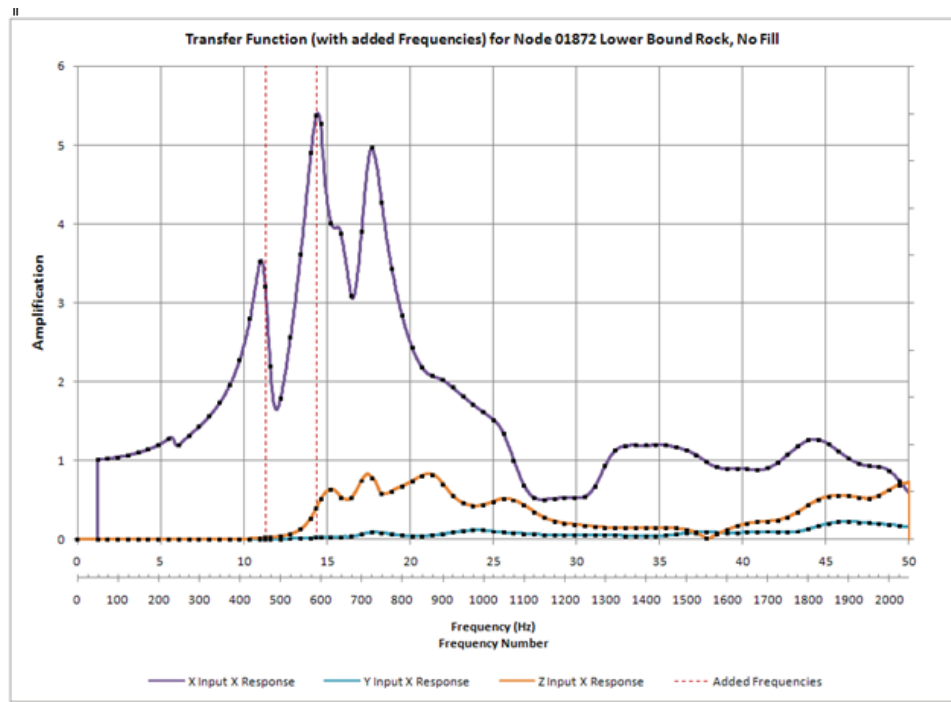


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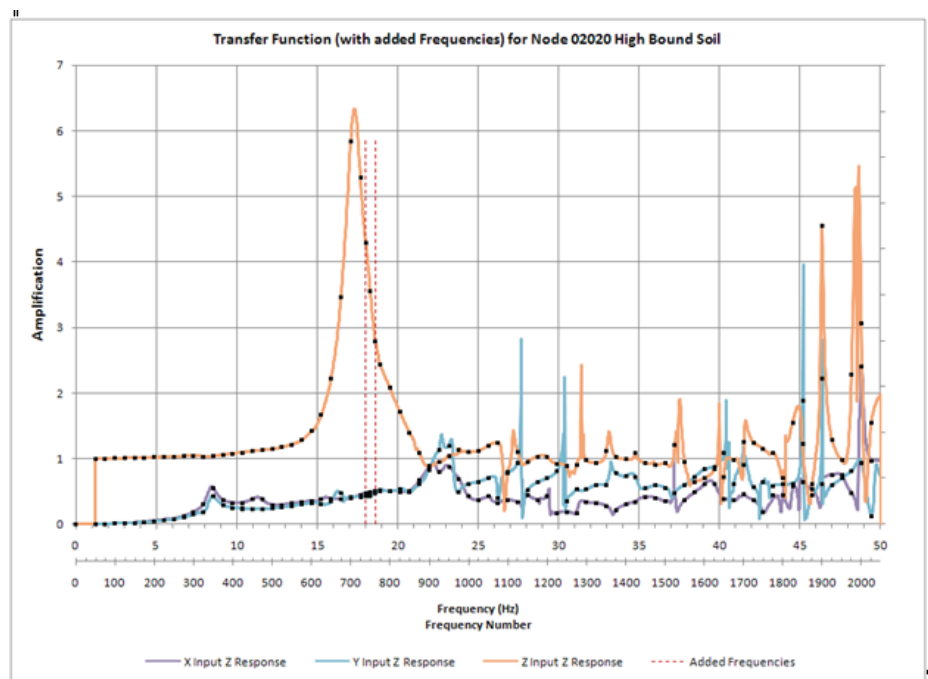


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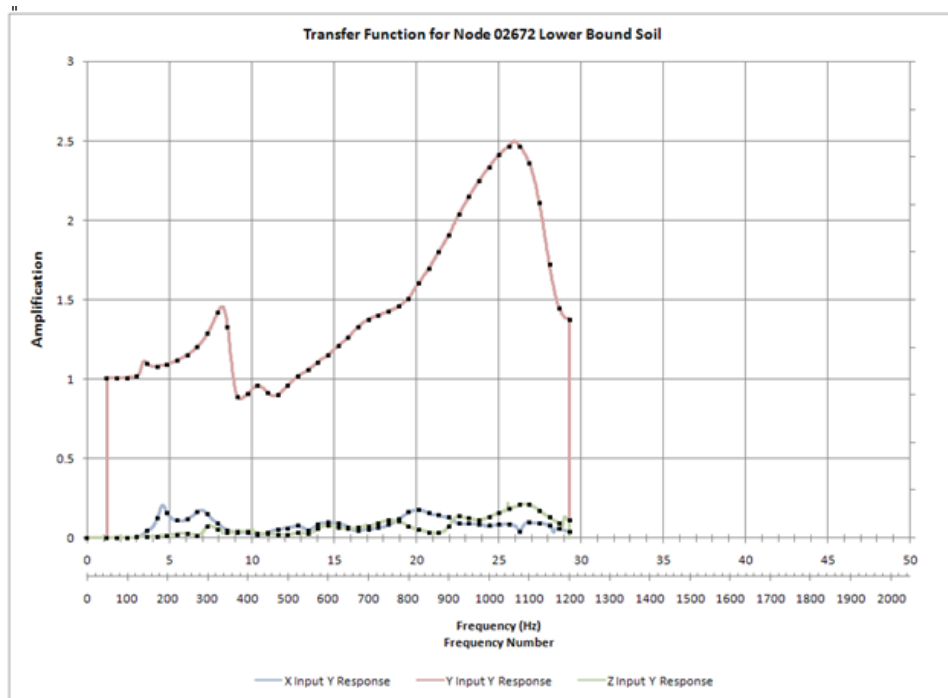


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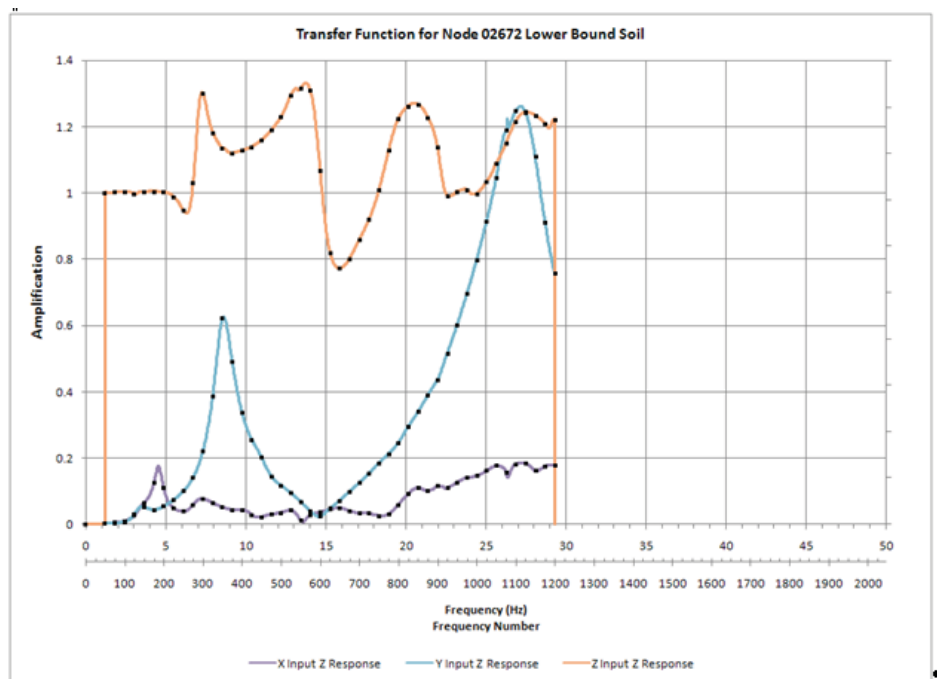


Figure 6. Computed ATF for ESWPT Structure for All Elevations in Z Direction

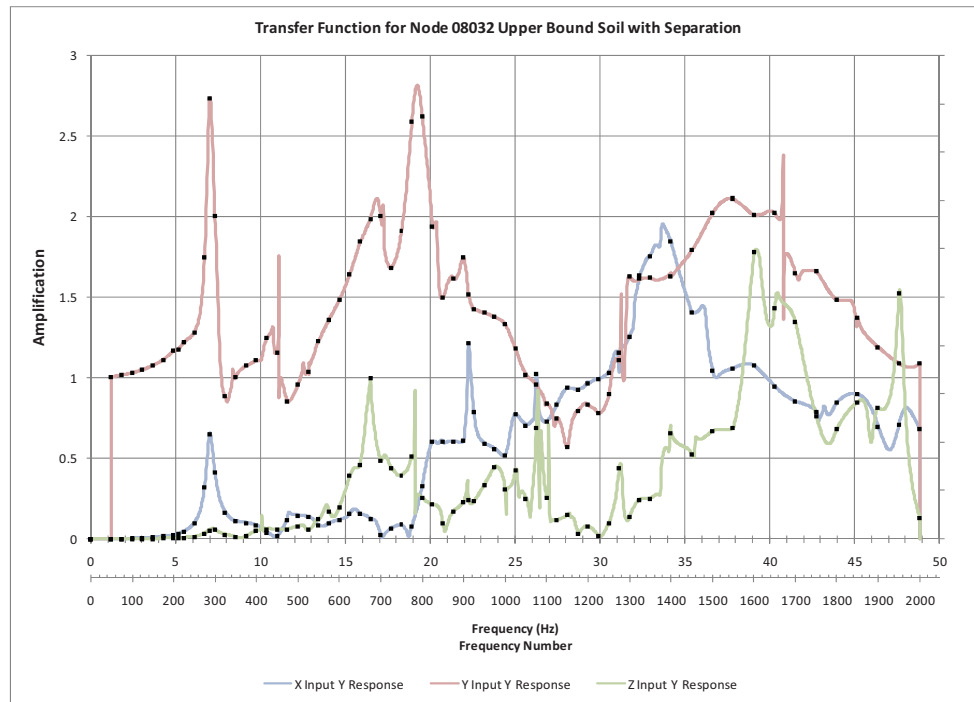


Figure 7. Transfer Function for UHSRS Basin 1 West Wall, Soil Case Upper Bound Separate Soil Case, (Node 8032) (a) X-direction Response, (b) Y-direction Response, and (c) Z-direction Response

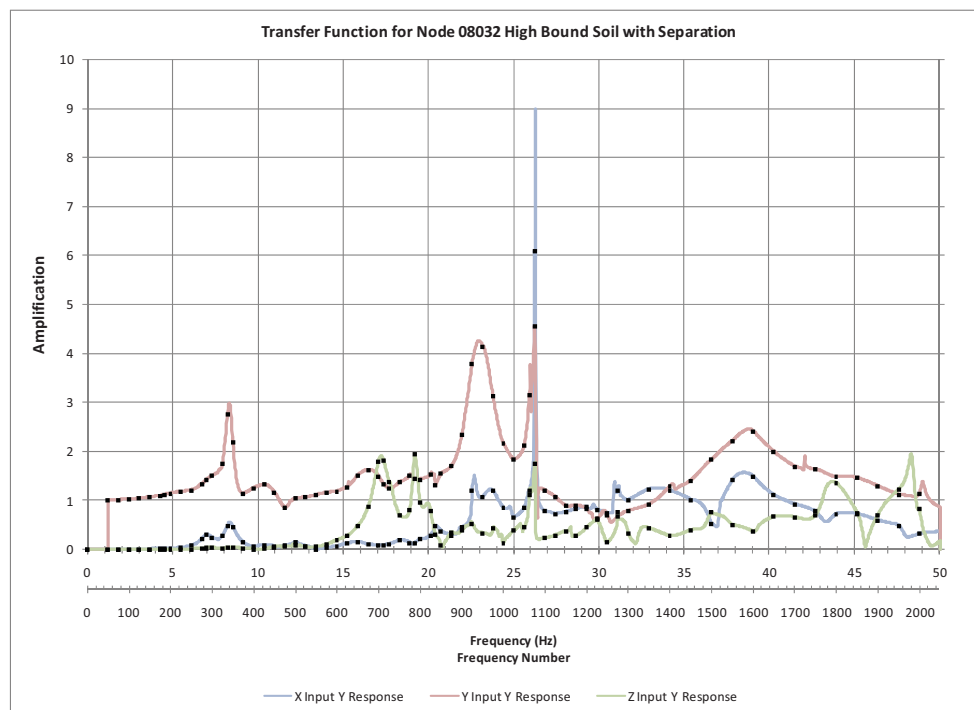


Figure 8. Transfer Function for UHSRS Basin 1 West Wall, Soil Case High Bound Separated Soil Case (Node 8032) (a) X-direction Response, (b) Y-direction Response, and (c) Z-direction Response



- b) Luminant is addressing the quality assurance issues raised by the DNFSB internally through a condition report, which will be finalized concurrently with the technical assessment discussed in Item 2 above. Any future seismic analyses that may be performed in support of the Comanche Peak application will utilize the more advanced ACS SASSI NQA Version 2.3.0 (or later version), which includes the Modified Subtraction/FI-EVBN method that is much more stable in the high frequency range than Subtraction/FI-FSIN method. This method has been accepted by DNFSB and DOE to be used for future nuclear defense applications and for review of current applications that used the Subtraction method.

The ACS SASSI NQA Version 2.3.0 documentation contains detailed guidelines and warnings on the use of the Subtraction/FI-FSIN, Modified Subtraction/FI-EVBN and Flexible Volume/FV methods to minimize the possibility for misapplication of the Subtraction method.

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#### Impact on R-COLA

None.

#### Impact on S-COLA

None; this response is site-specific.

#### Impact on DCD

None.



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**Comanche Peak, Units 3 and 4**

**Luminant Generation Company LLC**

**Docket Nos. 52-034 and 52-035**

**RAI NO.: 5798 (CP RAI #221)**

**SRP SECTION: 03.07.02 - Seismic System Analysis**

**QUESTIONS for Structural Engineering Branch 1 (AP1000/EPR Projects) (SEB1)**

**DATE OF RAI ISSUE: 6/3/2011**

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### QUESTION NO.: 03.07.02-22

On May 12, 2011, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (MHI), submitted a revised completion plan for US-APWR Seismic and Structural Analyses (ML11136A235). This plan identifies that significant changes are being made to the seismic design methodology as described in the US-APWR DCD, Section 3.7, and associated technical reports. The plan also identifies the documentation MHI plans to submit or make available for audit to address US-APWR standard plant seismic design issues. The NRC staff requests the applicant provide an assessment of all changes made (or to be made) to the Comanche Peak COL seismic design given MHI's planned changes to the US-APWR standard plant seismic design methodology.

Provide a technical methodology and approach for reconciliation of the Comanche Peak standard plant model with the updated USAPWR soil-structure interaction (SSI) model and overall seismic design approach. Also, explain changes or variances (if any) to the site-specific structures given the changes in the seismic design methodology, as some of the principles were applied to the non-standard plant structures.

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### ANSWER:

The US-APWR standard plant seismic design envelopes by a very large margin the site-specific seismic demands at Comanche Peak Units 3 and 4, as documented in FSAR Section 3.7.1 and Appendix 3NN. The updated methodology used in the standard plant SSI analyses is basically the same as that used in the existing site-specific analyses of the standard plant. For example, the updated methodology for the US-APWR standard plant SSI models, which includes ACS SASSI models on layered soil profiles with OBE damping applied to uncracked models, is the same as that applied in the existing site-specific analyses of the standard plant. Although some changes in the seismic design methodology will produce standard plant seismic demand results that are numerically different from previous standard plant analyses, the large envelope margin for Units 3 and 4 is not anticipated to be changed. For this reason, Luminant does not plan to rerun the site-specific SSI analyses of the standard plant.

Luminant makes the following commitments to assess changes in the standard plant seismic design:

- Identify subsections of the COL application, in particular FSAR Chapter 3 and related Appendices, which need to be updated to show new standard plant structures' configuration changes and numerical results (such as ISRS). This assessment will be submitted to the NRC by the end of October 2011.
- Review the seismic design and identify updates to the COLA for any new analyses specifically required as a result of the updated standard plant methodology (e.g. evaluation for selection, if necessary based on seismic stability evaluations, of a standard plant shear key design option). This assessment will be submitted to the NRC by the end of December 2011.
- Perform final confirmatory reviews of the seismic design. Provide a detailed mark-up of the COLA where changes to standard plant configuration or numerical results occur (such as FSAR Appendix 3NN) in an update tracking report (UTR) by the end of February 2012.

Methods applied in the standard plant seismic design are intended to provide a design that is suitable for a broad range of hypothetical site and seismic conditions that do not necessarily apply to Comanche Peak Units 3 and 4. Attributes and inputs used for the seismic design of site-specific structures are those specific to the site. For example, OBE damping is used in the seismic analyses. Analyzed soil conditions at Comanche Peak are limited to a relatively narrow range specific to the site, and not the broader range presented in the US-APWR standard plant design. The evaluation and use of structural properties such as cracked versus uncracked stiffnesses is based on best estimates using the site-specific seismic input motion. Because changes in the standard plant design are being implemented with respect to generic seismic design conditions, Luminant does not plan to alter the site-specific structure designs, which have been performed in accordance with applicable provisions in the SRPs and RGs and other industry and NRC guidance.

An assessment of any potential changes to be made to the Comanche Peak COLA seismic design for site-specific structures will be documented subsequent to MHI's completion of the planned changes to the US-APWR standard plant seismic design methodology.

Luminant makes the following commitments to assess potential change impacts on the site-specific structures' design due to changes in standard plant design methodology:

- Identify subsections of the COLA, in particular FSAR Chapter 3 and related Appendices, which may be impacted by changes in standard plant design methodology. This assessment will be submitted to the NRC by the end of October 2011.
- Perform final confirmatory reviews of the seismic design, review and update the COLA if required, including detailed mark-ups of any needed changes, which will be included in a UTR by the end of February 2012.

The above completion dates are based on the current DCD analyses schedule.

#### Impact on R-COLA

None.

#### Impact on S-COLA

None; this response is site-specific.

#### Impact on DCD

None.



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SUBJECT: COMANCHE PEAK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 3 AND 4  
DOCKET NUMBERS 52-034 AND 52-035  
SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
NO. 5369 (SECTION 9.5.2)

Dear Sir:

As a result of a public meeting with the NRC Staff, Luminant, and Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems on June 30, 2011, US-APWR Design Control Document (DCD) Subsection 9.5.2 has been revised to delete COL Information Items 9.5(7) and 9.5(9). In order to preserve consistency between the DCD and the Combined License Application, Luminant Generation Company LLC (Luminant) submits herein supplemental information for the response to Request for Additional Information (RAI) No. 5369 (CP RAI #196) for the Combined License Application for Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant Units 3 and 4.

Should you have any questions regarding this supplemental information, please contact Don Woodlan (254-897-6887, Donald.Woodlan@luminant.com) or me.

There are no commitments in this letter.

I state under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 4, 2011.

Sincerely,

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## **SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**Comanche Peak, Units 3 and 4**

**Luminant Generation Company LLC**

**Docket Nos. 52-034 and 52-035**

**RAI NO.: 5369 (CP RAI #196)**

**SRP SECTION: 09.05.02 - Communications Systems**

**QUESTIONS for Instrumentation, Controls and Electrical Engineering 1 (AP1000/EPR Projects)  
(ICE1)**

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### **QUESTION NO.: 09.05.02-4 S01**

Luminant is requested to rewrite a sentence in Section 9.5.2.2.2.2 of the COL FSAR to clarify the meaning of the information.

10 CFR 52.79(a)(2) requires "the descriptions shall be sufficient to permit understanding of the system designs and their relationship to the safety evaluations."

Section 9.5.2.2.2.2 of the FSAR includes the sentence "In emergency offsite communication, as the emergency notification system is connected through a local telephone company system, then a station package is required," which is unclear to the NRC staff. Luminant is requested to clarify this sentence.

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### **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

As a result of a public meeting with the NRC Staff, Luminant, and Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems on June 30, 2011, US-APWR DCD Subsection 9.5.2 was revised (Reference 1) to delete COL Information Items 9.5(7) and 9.5(9) because neither 10 CFR 73.45 nor 10 CFR 73.46 is applicable to commercial nuclear power plants and because security communications for the US-APWR are addressed in DCD Section 13.6. Accordingly, FSAR Table 1.8-201 and Subsection 9.5.2 have been revised to delete the information addressing the two COL Information Items.

#### Reference

Letter, Yoshiki Ogata (MHI) to Jeff Ciocco (NRC), "MHI's Supplemental Response to US-APWR DCD RAI No. 139-1533 Revision 1 (SRP 09.05.02)," UAP-HF-11234, July 26, 2011

#### Impact on R-COLA

See attached marked-up FSAR Revision 2 pages 1.8-52, 9.5-20, 9.5-21, 9.5-22, and 9.5-23.

Impact on S-COLA

This response is considered standard.

Impact on DCD

None.

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**Table 1.8-201 (Sheet 41 of 68)**

**Resolution of Combined License Items for Chapters 1 - 19**

| COL Item No. | COL Item   | FSAR Location                                | Resolution Category |
|--------------|--|--|---------------------|
| COL 9.5(6)   | The COL Applicant addresses connections to the Technical Support Center from where communications networks are provided to transmit information pursuant to the requirements delineated in 10 CFR 50 Appendix E, Part IV.E.9.  | 9.5.2.2.5.2                                  | 3a                  |
| COL 9.5(7)   | <del>The COL Applicant addresses a continuously manned alarm station required by 10 CFR 73.46(e)(5) and the communications requirements delineated in 10 CFR 73.45(g)(4)(i) and (ii). The COL Applicant addresses notification of an attempted unauthorized or unconfirmed removal of strategic special nuclear material in accordance with 10 CFR 73.45(e)(2)(iii). Deleted from the DCD.</del> | <del>9.5.2.2.5.2</del><br><del>9.5.2.3</del> | <del>3a</del>       |
| COL 9.5(8)   | The COL Applicant addresses offsite communications for the onsite operations support center.   | 9.5.2.2.5.2                                  | 3a                  |
| COL 9.5(9)   | <del>The COL Applicant addresses the emergency communication system requirements delineate in 10 CFR 73.55(f) such that a single act cannot remove onsite capability of calling for assistance and also as redundant system during onsite emergency crisis. Deleted from the DCD.</del>  | <del>9.5.2.2.5.2</del>                       | <del>3a</del>       |
| COL 9.5(10)  | Deleted from the DCD.  |  |                     |
| COL 9.5(11)  | The COL Applicant is to specify that adequate and acceptable sources of fuel oil are available, including the means of transporting and recharging the fuel storage tank, following a design basis accident.   | 9.5.4.3                                      | 3a                  |
| COL 9.5(12)  | The COL Applicant is to address the need for installing unit heaters in the Power Source Fuel Storage Vault during the winter for site locations where extreme cold temperature conditions exist.  | 9.5.4.3                                      | 3a                  |

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Plant specific redundant external communication links include.

- Copper and fiber optic telephone circuits
- Microwave telephone links
- Fiber optic data links
- Emergency radio communication links
- Direct telephone links to utility operations centers, the NRC, and State and Local Emergency Operations facilities
- Personal cell phone links (no credit is taken but these links provide alternate links which allow for additional communication paths)

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**9.5.2.2.5.2            Emergency Communications**

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STD COL 9.5(6)  
~~STD COL 9.5(7)~~  
STD COL 9.5(8)  
~~STD COL 9.5(9)~~

Replace the second and third sentence of the second paragraph in **DCD Subsection 9.5.2.2.5.2** with the following.

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The effectiveness of the overall emergency response plan is in conformance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.47 (b)(8). Adequate communications equipment are provided and maintained to allow the control room to communicate with offsite personnel and organizations. Pursuant to the emergency response plan, the following equipment is tested.

- An inspection and test is performed of the TSC voice communication equipment.
- An inspection and test is performed of the operation support center voice communication equipment.
- An inspection and test is performed of the EOF voice communication equipment.
- A test is performed of the means for warning or advising onsite individuals of an emergency.

~~A continuously manned alarm station as required by 10 CFR 73.46(e)(5) is provided.~~

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~~Communication subsystems are provided as required by 10 CFR 73.46(e)(5). Each guard, watchman, or armed responder on duty maintains continuous communication with each continuously manned alarm station. The individual in the alarm station is capable of calling for assistance from other guards, watchmen, armed responders, and from law enforcement authorities.~~

~~Communication network and equipments for rapid and accurate transmission of routine security information to onsite personnel are provided for assessment of a~~



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~~contingency and response to a contingency and for rapid transmission of information to offsite assessment team. This is in conformance to the requirements of 10 CFR 73.45(g)(4)(i) and (ii).~~

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~~Each alarm station required by 10 CFR 73.46 (c)(5) of the regulation has both conventional telephone service and radio or microwave transmitted two way voice communication, either directly or through an intermediary, for the capability of communication with the law enforcement authorities.~~

The offsite communications systems within the onsite Technical Support Center provide for emergency response following a design basis accident. During emergencies, the TSC is the primary onsite communication center for the communications to the control room, the operations support center and the NRC.

The Operations Support Center (OSC) is equipped with a PABX system similar to that provided for the TSC and the EOF. This PABX telephone system is connected to the offsite commercial telephone system and provides voice and facsimile communications capability for normal and emergency communications between the MCR, TSC, EOF, OSC, Corporate Offices, NRC, State agencies and county Sheriff's offices. In addition to the PABX system, the plant communication systems for the OSC also include the public address system / plant page – party system, the plant radio system and the sound powered telephone system.

In addition, provisions for communication with state and local operations centers are provided in the onsite TSC to initiate early notification and recommendations to offsite authorities prior to activation of the EOF. This is in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50 Appendix E, Part IV.E.9.

STD COL 9.5(5)  
STD COL 9.5(6)  
~~STD COL 9.5(9)~~

Replace sixth paragraph in **DCD Subsection 9.5.2.2.5.2** with the following.

The emergency offsite communication system serves as an alternate means of communication to notify local authorities of an emergency at the nuclear plant. Radios are provided for communications with the main control room, TSC, EOF, and local authorities.

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This emergency radio communications system connects onsite and offsite monitoring teams with the operation support center and EOF respectively.

~~The plant is provided with separate telephone systems for operations and for security pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55(f).~~ Data Communications is discussed in **Section 7.9**. Fire brigade communications is covered in **Subsection 9.5.1**.

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The emergency plan and security plan are described in **Sections 13.3** and **13.6**, respectively. These plans require testing of offsite communications links.

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**9.5.2.3            Safety Evaluation**

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~~STD COL 9.5(7)    Add the following paragraph after the first paragraph in DCD Subsection 9.5.2.3.~~

~~Plant specific safety evaluations and procedures are established by the plant operator to prevent any unauthorized access to secure locations and or unconfirmed removal of strategic special nuclear material in accordance with 10 CFR 73.45(e)(2)(iii).~~

**9.5.4.2.2.1            Fuel Oil Storage Tanks and Piping**

CP COL 9.5(12)    Replace tenth paragraph in **DCD Subsection 9.5.4.2.2.1** with the following.

Insulation and heat tracing on the fuel oil piping in the concrete pipe chase and on a portion of the piping running down into the PSFSV area are provided to maintain fuel oil temperature within specification during winter. The concrete pipe chases between each fuel oil tank room and each PS/B are the areas through which the fuel oil piping passes through. Within each concrete pipe chase is a 3-hour fire rated wall that separates each PS/B from the associated PSFSV. The door and penetrations through each wall are all 3-hour fire rated. One side of each concrete pipe chase is part of a PS/B, which is a normally heated building.

**9.5.4.3            Safety Evaluation**

CP COL 9.5(11)    Replace the second sentence of the seventh paragraph in **DCD Subsection 9.5.4.3** with the following.

Fuel oil is normally brought in by tank truck for recharging the storage tank. Additionally, if circumstances require, railroad tank cars can be brought in on the site railroad spur. The CPNPP Units 3 and 4 are located approximately 90 miles southwest of the Dallas - Ft. Worth area. Dallas - Ft. Worth is a major commercial area which has distributors of diesel fuel that represent the majority of the major oil companies. The cities, such as Houston, Beaumont etc, within 300 miles from site are capable of supplying diesel fuel oil within seven days.

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**9.5.9 Combined License Information**

Replace the content of **DCD Subsection 9.5.9** with the following.

CP COL 9.5(1)  
STD COL 9.5(1)

**9.5(1)** *Fire protection program, fire fighting procedures, and quality assurance*

This COL item is addressed in **Subsections 9.5.1, 9.5.1.3, 9.5.1.6, Table 9.5.1-1R and Table 9.5.1-2R.**

CP COL 9.5(2)  
STD COL 9.5(2)

**9.5(2)** *Site specific fire protection aspects*

This COL item is addressed in **Subsection 9.2.1.2.1, 9.5.1.2.1, 9.5.1.2.2, 9.5.1.2.3, 9.5.1.2.4, Table 9.5.1-1R, Table 9.5.1-2R, Figure 9.5.1-201, Figure 9.5.1-202 and Appendix 9A.**

CP COL 9.5(3)  
STD COL 9.5(3)

**9.5(3)** *Apparatus for plant personnel and fire brigades*

This COL item is addressed in **Subsection 9.5.1.6.1.8 and Table 9.5.1-2R.**

CP COL 9.5(4)  
STD COL 9.5(4)

**9.5(4)** *Communication system interfaces external to the plant (offsite locations)*

This COL item is addressed in **Subsection 9.5.2, 9.5.2.2.2, 9.5.2.2.2.2 and 9.5.2.2.5.1.**

STD COL 9.5(5)

**9.5(5)** *The emergency offsite communications*

This COL item is addressed in **Subsection 9.5.2.2.2, 9.5.2.2.2.2 and 9.5.2.2.5.2.**

STD COL 9.5(6)

**9.5(6)** *Connections to the Technical Support Center*

This COL item is addressed in **Subsection 9.5.2.2.5.2**

~~STD COL 9.5(7)~~

~~**9.5(7)** *Continuously manned alarm station*~~ Deleted from the DCD.

~~This COL item is addressed in Subsection 9.5.2.2.5.2. and 9.5.2.3.~~

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STD COL 9.5(8)

**9.5(8)** *Offsite communications for the onsite operations support center.*

This COL item is addressed in **Subsection 9.5.2.2.5.2**

~~STD COL 9.5(9)~~

~~**9.5(9)** *Emergency communication system*~~ Deleted from the DCD.

~~This COL item is addressed in Subsection 9.5.2.2.5.2.~~

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**9.5(10)** Deleted from the DCD.

CP COL 9.5(11)

**9.5(11)** *Fuel oil recharging*