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Re: In the Matter of the Application of)
Public Service Company of Oklahoma,)
Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.) Docket Nos. STN 50-556
and) STN 50-557
Western Farmers Electric Cooperative)
(Black Fox Station, Units 1 and 2))

Gentlemen:

Consistent with the tenets of full disclosure as articulated by the Appeal Board in McGuire,* Applicants are submitting the enclosed letter for the information of the Licensing Board and the parties. The enclosure is a letter dated June 15, 1979, from Martin E. Fate, Jr., Executive Vice President of Public Service Company of Oklahoma to Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

In his letter, Mr. Fate explains that Applicants have reviewed the various documents generated by the ACRS and the

* Duke Power Company (William B. McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, ALAB-143, 6 AEC 632 (1973)).

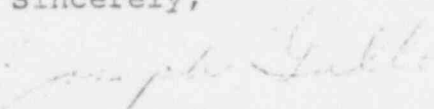
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NRC Staff with respect to the Three Mile Island accident for their applicability, if any, to the construction permit application for the Black Fox Station. The analysis shows that any lessons learned from TMI are pertinent to post-construction permit and final safety analysis review status rather than the pre-construction permit period.

Sincerely,


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Re: Public Service Company of Oklahoma
Black Fox Station
Response to TMI Event
USNRC Docket STN 50-556
STN 50-557

Dear Mr. Denton:

As I discussed with you on June 13, Public Service Company of Oklahoma has already taken positive steps to study the significance of the Three Mile Island (TMI) event to our Black Fox Station project. As the corporate executive directly responsible for our nuclear project, I feel a deep sensitivity and need to respond to the events at TMI. Therefore, we have proacted and directed that an assessment be conducted of the TMI accident in connection with PSO's pending application for construction permits for Black Fox.

The purpose of the assessment was to determine if any lessons learned from the TMI incident might be applicable to the design, construction, staffing, training and operation of the Black Fox Station. We particularly wanted to ascertain whether any aspect of the accident had general applicability to boiling water reactors. The performance of this assessment is consistent with the suggestion of the ACRS in their interim report #3 dated May 16, 1979. The ACRS noted that new mechanisms should be sought and implemented to expedite progress in addressing the new questions which have arisen because of Three Mile Island. Further, they suggested that where appropriate, licensees should perform suitable studies on a timely basis. This would include an evaluation of the

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