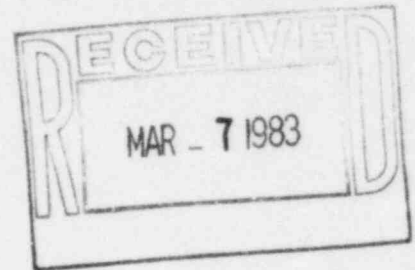




KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

GLENN L. KOESTER
VICE PRESIDENT - NUCLEAR

March 3, 1983



Mr. W.C. Seidle, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 2
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011

KMLNRC 83-021

Re: Docket No. STN 50-482

Subj: Potential 10CFR50.55(e) Report - Insufficient
Torque on Structural Steel Bolted Connections

Dear Mr. Seidle:

This letter provides an interim report on a potential 10CFR50.55(e) matter concerning structural steel bolted connections. This item was initially reported by Mr. Earl Creel of Kansas Gas and Electric Company to Mr. Johns Jaudon of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Region IV) on February 4, 1983.

Recently another utility submitted a 10CFR50.55(e) report concerning insufficiently tightened bolts with load indicating washers. As a result of that report the Wolf Creek Constructor initiated a re-inspection program for Structural Steel Bolted Connections (SSBC) to determine the condition of completed connections in the Wolf Creek plant. The reinspection revealed that some of the connections in Reactor Building and the Diesel Generator Building were insufficiently tightened.

Corrective Action Report 1-C-0026 has been initiated to track the evaluation and resolution of this concern. The status of the evaluation and resolution will be reported to you on or before June 20, 1983. In the interim, please direct any questions concerning this subject to me or to Mr. Otto Maynard of my staff.

Yours very truly,

Glenn L. Koester

GLK:bb
cc: RCDeYoung
SSchum/HRoberds

8303150344 830303
PDR ADOCK 05000482
S PDR

IE27