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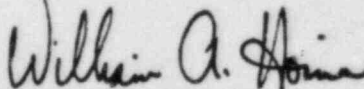
Subj: Texas Utilities Electric Company, et al.
(Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station,
Units 1 and 2); Docket Nos. 50-445 and 50-446

Dear Mr. Clements:

Regarding your letter of April 13, 1984, concerning the docketing of Applicants' Response to Partial Initial Decision Regarding A500 Steel, dated April 11, 1984, as we discussed over the phone that day after your letter had gone out, Applicants had provided your office with the original and appropriate number of copies. Applicants always serve a single copy of each pleading by mail and provide the original and additional copies by messenger the next day for stamping and to obtain a stamped copy for our files. Apparently in your secretary's absence only the mailed copy had come to your attention. I have attached a copy of the front page of the document stamped by your office on April 12, 1984 at 9:18 a.m.

We thank you for your attention to the Commission's filing requirements. If you should have any questions in the future, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



William A. Horin
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cc: Judge Peter B. Bloch, Esquire

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| In the Matter of |) | |
| |) | Docket Nos. 50-445 and |
| TEXAS UTILITIES ELECTRIC |) | 50-446 |
| COMPANY, <u>et al.</u> |) | |
| |) | (Application for |
| (Comanche Peak Steam Electric |) | Operating Licenses) |
| Station, Units 1 and 2) |) | |

APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO PARTIAL
INITIAL DECISION REGARDING A500 STEEL

In a Partial Initial Decision regarding revisions to the material properties tabulated for A500 tubular steel the Licensing Board ordered Applicants to submit analyses demonstrating that pipe supports manufactured with A500 steel have adequate safety margins.¹ Pursuant to that order, Texas Utilities Generating Company, et al. ("Applicants") hereby submit their response to the Board's Decision.² For the reasons set

¹ partial Initial Decision (Change in Material Properties for A500 Steel) (October 6, 1983) ("Decision"), at 8.

² The Board has since issued its Memorandum and Order (Quality Assurance for Design), December 28, 1983, in which it addressed several pipe support design allegations and requested that Applicants submit a plan to resolve certain concerns raised in the Memorandum and Order. The Board subsequently questioned whether it would be profitable to receive evidence regarding the A500 steel question independent of "some additional procedure such as the independent design review [the Board] suggested." (Memorandum and Order (Additional Scheduling Order), January 3, 1984 at 6). However, in the January 12, 1984 conference
(footnote continued)