

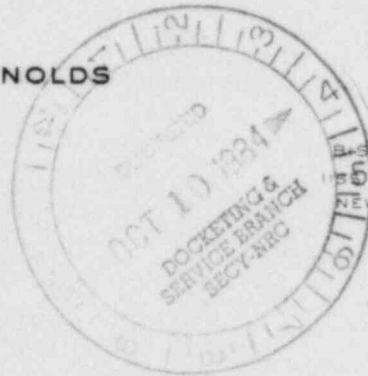
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Re: Texas Utilities Electric Company, et al.
(Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station,
Units 1 and 2); Docket Nos. 50-445 and 50-446 OL

Gentlemen:

On August 7, 1984, Applicants filed a motion pursuant to 10 C.F.R. §50.57(c) for authorization from the Board to the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to license Applicants to load fuel and conduct certain precritical activities for Comanche Peak Unit 1. We noted in that motion that commencement of fuel loading for Unit 1 was scheduled for September 1984, although critical path activities were running about three weeks behind that schedule. We estimated that the activities to be conducted under the authorization sought would take approximately 117 days. Motion, at 3, n. 1.

In view of recent developments, Applicants have revised the sequence of precritical testing for Comanche Peak Unit 1. The change in sequence comprises the performance of certain tests prior to fuel loading rather than after fuel loading as previously planned. A license to load fuel will not be required for the performance of these tests. We estimate that approximately three months will be required for that effort. However, we request that the Board not postpone its consideration of the pending §50.57(c) motion.

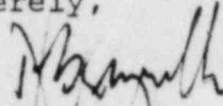
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We provide this information to the Board mindful of our obligation to keep the Board apprised of matters which bear on the §50.57(c) motion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "N. Reynolds", written over the typed name.

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