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January 30, 1985

Peter B. Bloch, Esq., Chairman  
Administrative Judge  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

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

Dear Judge Bloch:

The purpose of this letter is to memorialize my conversation with you of January 16, 1985, wherein, on behalf of the Applicants in this case, I requested a temporary cessation of formal hearings in the above dockets until the first of March, 1985. The purpose of this request was to provide time for Applicants to analyze, and prepare to respond to, the findings of the Technical Review Team relating to the quality assurance/quality control programs at Comanche Peak. The request was also in recognition of indications from the NRC Staff that its final position on many of the issues before this Board could not be prepared before the end of February, 1985. We believe that a temporary postponement of formal hearings will prove beneficial to the hearing process. Applicants also request that the Board withhold, for the time being, action on Applicants' pending 50.57(c) request for fuel loading authority.

In the same conversation, I advised you that Mr. Thomas G. Dignan, Jr. and his firm, Ropes & Gray of Boston, would become an additional counsel for Applicants in the licensing proceedings. A formal appearance of counsel should be filed within the next few days. Additionally, I have been asked to assume lead responsibility for the case in general and will be making assignments for various phases of the proceedings to the other two firms.

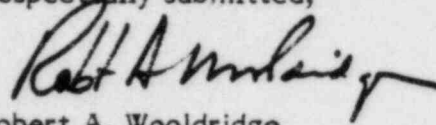
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The above information was also communicated to the NRC Staff and the Intervenor on January 16, 1985, and to the public in general on January 17, 1985. Copies of this letter are being mailed this day to all parties on the service list.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Wooldridge", with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Robert A. Wooldridge

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cc: Service List  
Mr. Thomas G. Dignan, Jr.