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SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP)
REPORT 50-445/97-99; 50-446/97-99

Dear Mr. Terry:

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) for the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station. The facility was assessed for the period of November 25, 1995, through June 7, 1997. The results of the assessment are documented in the enclosed SALP report. A public meeting to discuss this report with you and your staff has been scheduled at the Comanche Peak Personnel Processing Center on July 30, 1997, at 9 a.m. (CDT). During this meeting you are encouraged and expected to candidly comment on this report. Although this meeting is a forum between Texas Utilities and the NRC, it will be open to observation by members of the public and other interested parties.

Plant performance was assessed in four functional areas: Plant Operations, Maintenance, Engineering, and Plant Support. Performance in the areas of Plant Operations, Maintenance, and Plant Support continued to reflect superior safety performance and were rated Category 1. The assessment in these functional areas indicated that your staff was effective in addressing the challenges discussed in the previous SALP report.

Performance in the Engineering area improved and was rated Category 1. This rating was assigned based in large measure on the level of performance attained during the last 6 months of the assessment period, including a strong trend in improving plant material condition and eliminating plant reliability challenges. We encourage your continued management attention to the trends developed during this SALP period to ensure sustained superior performance in this area.

Safety assessment and quality verification activities continued to be a strength at Comanche Peak. Of particular note were your self-assessments and postactivity critiques, which were viewed as contributing positively to the superior safety performance at the site.

The SALP scores indicate overall superior safety performance at the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station. As a result of your superior level of safety performance, your next SALP period will be 24 months. This is conditional upon continued superior performance. In addition, your facility will receive an appropriate level of reduced NRC inspection that is



reflective of your performance. It should be realized that inspection hours may already have been reduced in areas that received a Category 1 rating in earlier SALP cycles.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the SALP report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions or comments, I would be pleased to discuss them with you. While no written response is required to the SALP report, if you wish, you may provide written comments within 30 days of the public SALP meeting.

Sincerely,



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Regional Administrator

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