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NRC AUTHORIZES FULL POWER LICENSE FOR COMANCHE PEAK 2

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation issued a license on April 6 to Texas Utilities Electric Company authorizing full-power operation of Unit 2 of the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station.

Unit 2 was previously licensed on February 2 for fuel loading and low-power testing up to five percent of full power. The full power license was issued following successful completion of the low-power testing and after approval of the NRC Commissioners, which was granted on April 6.

The NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, TX, will provide around-the-clock monitoring of the initial phases of Comanche Peak 2 operation beyond the five-percent level and as the plant begins producing power on the grid. Inspectors will monitor certain power tests later on.

A license authorizing full-power operation of Unit 1 was issued on April 17, 1990. Both units 1 and 2 use pressurized water reactors and at full power each has an electrical output capacity of about 1150 megawatts.

The nuclear station is located about 50 miles southwest of Ft. Worth, TX.

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