

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Attention: Regulatory Affairs
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SUBJECT: REVISION OF SCHEDULE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE

COMANCHE PEAK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (EPID NO. L 2022-LNE-0004) (DOCKET NUMBERS:

50-445 AND 50-446)

Dear Ken J. Peters:

This letter is to inform you of a schedule change in the Comanche Peak license renewal review. By letter dated October 3, 2022, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System ML22276A082), Vistra Operations Company LLC submitted an application for License Renewal of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–87 and NPF–89 for the Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Comanche Peak) to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) pursuant to section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and Part 54 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "Requirements for renewal of operating licenses for nuclear power plants."

In March 2023, the NRC staff completed its environmental scoping with an extended scoping period ending March 13, 2023. However, due to impacts outside of NRC's control, e.g., high COVID rates that forced a cancellation of the in-person meetings and rescheduling; Congressional correspondence that prompted an in-person meeting and an extension of the comment period, concurrent with process challenges e.g., a high volume of public scoping comments that occurred at the same time as two other projects receiving large volumes of comments resulting in delayed processing, the NRC staff is revising the schedule for the issuance of the Comanche Peak draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to October 2023 and the publication of the final SEIS to May 2024. The NRC staff will look for opportunities to recover schedules in meeting the project milestone of September 2024 for licensing by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Director.

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This revision of schedule was discussed with Todd Evans of your staff. If you have any questions on the revised schedule, please contact Mark Yoo or Tam Tran by telephone at 301-415-8583 or 301-415-3617 or via email at Mark.Yoo@nrc.gov or Tam.Tran@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by Regan, Christopher on 09/21/23

Christopher M. Regan, Director Division of Rulemaking, Environment, and Financial Support Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Docket Nos. 50-445 and 50-446

Enclosure: As stated

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COMANCHE PEAK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVISION OF SCHEDULE

Milestone	Scheduled	
Receive License Renewal Application (LRA)	10/03/2022	
Publish Federal Register Notice (FRN) – LRA Availability	10/31/2022	
Publish FRN – Docketing Acceptance/Rejection and Opportunity for Hearing	11/29/2022	
Publish FRN – Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping	12/13/2022	
Public Meeting – Overview of Subsequent License Renewal Process and Environmental Scoping	01/17/2023	
Environmental Scoping Period Ends	03/13/2023	
Deadline for Filing Hearing Requests and Petitions for Intervention	01/30/2023	
Issue Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact	9/2023	
Statement (SEIS)	10/2023	
Public Meeting – Draft SEIS Meeting, If Needed	10/2023 11/2023	
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End of DSEIS Comment Period	12/2023	
Issue Safety Evaluation Report (SER)	12/2023	
Office of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee Meeting	02/2024	
Issue Final SEIS	03/2024 04/2024	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency FRN Published –	04/2024	
Availability of Final SEIS	05/2024	
ACRS Full Committee Meeting	06/2024	
Decision – Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation	09/2024	

Project schedule at: https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/comanche-peak.html