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**NRC CHAIRMAN RICHARD A. MESERVE
AVAILABLE TO THE MEDIA AT COMANCHE PEAK**

Dr. Richard A. Meserve, Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, is visiting the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant near Glen Rose, Texas, on February 16 and will be available to speak to the media at 4 p.m. in the plant's Visitor's Center auditorium following his plant tour.

The visitor's center is located five miles north of Glen Rose on state highway FM 56.

Dr. Meserve will be available to answer questions on a full range of topics affecting Comanche Peak and the NRC. These may include the recent change in policy reducing the number of resident inspectors assigned to multi-unit sites such as Comanche Peak, and the significant change in the methods the NRC will use to assess plant safety performance, which will be adopted for all plants this spring.

Dr. Meserve was sworn in as Chairman of the NRC on October 29 last year. Prior to that he was a partner in the Washington, D.C., law firm of Covington & Burling, having joined the firm in 1981. From 1977 to 1981, Dr. Meserve served on the White House staff as legal counsel to the President's Science and Technology Advisor. He holds a B.A. degree from Tufts University, a law degree from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in applied physics from Stanford University .

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