



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of
HOUSTON LIGHTING AND POWER COMPANY
(Allens Creek Nuclear Generating
Station, Unit 1)

Docket No. 50-466 CP

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
RE: SPECIAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(September 13, 1979)

Supplementing our Order of August 6, 1979 (44 Fed. Reg. 47653, August 14, 1979), the Special Prehearing Conference will be held on October 15 and will continue, if necessary, through October 19, 1979 at the following location:

Holiday Inn - Medical Center
6701 South Main Street
Houston, Texas 77030

The sessions will begin at 9:30 AM and will recess at 5:00 PM.

After considering various requests that this conference be held in other locations, we believe that, at least for the instant conference, the aforementioned accommodations will be more convenient. Consideration will be given to holding subsequent prehearing conferences and the hearing at another location. We see no necessity for holding evening sessions. Those petitioners filing contentions by September 14, 1979 evidence that they desire to be admitted as parties, and thus are expected to appear during the daytime hours normally set aside for our proceedings.^{1/}

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^{1/} Accordingly, Tex Pirg's Motion To Set Future Hearing's Location dated August 27, 1979 is denied.

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During the course of the special prehearing conference, the Board may have occasion to direct questions to the intervening parties or to the petitioners for leave to intervene regarding certain of their contentions. Other than responding to the Board's questions, the intervening parties and the petitioners will not be permitted to present oral argument in support of their unadmitted contentions. Our Rules of Practice do not provide for such oral argument, and the parties and petitioners have had ample time within which to prepare their contentions.^{2/}

We have been requested to order the Staff to meet informally with the intervening parties and with petitioners in order to clarify contentions.^{3/} The Staff's Response of September 11, 1979, opposing that request, is well-taken and the request is denied. It is within the Staff's discretion to engage in informal conferences. Thus, as proposed by the Staff, those petitioners who file contentions by September 14, 1979 and who desire to informally confer with the Staff should comply with the two conditions set forth at page 2 of the Staff's Response - i.e. they should (1) agree on one or two spokesmen for the entire group and (2) jointly agree on a list of issues in which all are interested and on which they would all be willing to consolidate.

2/ Accordingly, we deny Mr. Doherty's Motion That Petitioners To Intervene Who Responded To The May And September 1978 Federal Register Notices Be Permitted To Support Unadmitted Contentions dated August 30, 1979.


3/ Mr. Doherty's Motion For Staff-Petitioner And Staff-Intervenor Informal Conferences To Clarify Contentions, dated August 30, 1979.

Limited appearance statements will not be received at this conference, but will be received at any subsequent prehearing conference and/or at the beginning of the hearing.

The public is invited to attend.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND
LICENSING BOARD


Sheldon J. Wolfe, Esquire
Chairman

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland
this 13th day of September, 1979.