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Re: Houston Lighting and Power Company, et al.  
(South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2)  
Docket Nos. 50-498A and 50-499A

Gentlemen:

This letter will clarify the production of documents by Gulf States Utilities Company pursuant to the consent Protective Order signed by the parties and endorsed by this Board on July 23, 1979. By letter dated July 24, 1979, we advised the NRC Staff, the Department of Justice, and Mr. Poirier of Spiegel and McDiarmid that the copies of the documents requested by the parties had arrived at our office and were available for production. A copy of that letter is attached. The documents were picked up by a Department of Justice attorney several days later.

Therefore, in his letter of August 3, 1979 to this Board, reporting on the monthly discovery activities by the Public Utilities Board of the City of Brownsville, Texas, Mr. Poirier mis-spoke himself in stating that the NRC and the Department of Justice had not yet received copies of the requested documents. I have since spoken to Mr. Poirier, who informed me that he did not receive a copy of my attached letter of July 24th.

I trust that this will set the record straight as to Gulf States' compliance with its commitment to provide the requested documents.

Sincerely,

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cc: All Parties w/enclosure

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Dear Mr. Blume:

The copies of documents requested by you and Mr. Clark of the Department of Justice during your recent visit to Gulf States Utilities Company in Beaumont are now available in my office, subject to receiving the acknowledgement in writing required by Paragraph 7 of the Stipulation to Protective Order. Included with the materials is a copy of the log which was made by the person who made all of the copies. Because of the method followed by the document examiners, that is, handwritten numbers rather than a consecutive numbering stamp, a few numbers seem to have been skipped and some numbers have been designated with a suffix, i.e., number 43A.

You will notice that many of the documents bear a large stamp "Confidential" on their face. I understand from Gulf States that Susan Childs of the Justice Department indicated to the copiers that they should stamp all of the documents confidential. Unfortunately, Gulf States did not discover this error until a considerable number of copies had already been made. This large stamp should be disregarded. The two groups of documents for which any confidentiality is claimed are separated from the bulk of the documents and marked either "GSU CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER," or "GSU CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER - COUNSEL ONLY." The latter are the documents responsive to the document requests concerning the Sam Rayburn Dam and River Bend.