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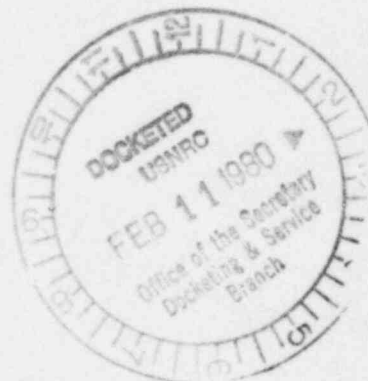
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Re: In the Matter of Houston Lighting & Power Company,
et al. (South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2),
Docket Nos. STN 50-498 OL, STN 50-499 OL

Dear Members of the Board:

This letter is submitted pursuant to the request set forth in the last paragraph of that Memorandum and Order Modifying Discovery Schedule dated January 16, 1980, requesting Applicants to provide the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board with further information concerning progress of the South Texas Project and any proposed schedule changes.

As was noted in Amendment No. 6 to the Application, the earliest construction completion date for Unit No. 1 is estimated to be March, 1983, and for Unit No. 2 is estimated to be March, 1985. The current schedule calls for completion of construction and fuel load by September 1, 1983 for Unit

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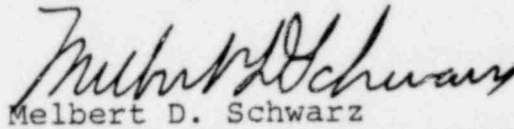
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No. 1 and by September 1, 1985, for Unit No. 2, with commercial operation for these two units scheduled for February 1984, and February, 1986, respectively.

Very truly yours,



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POWER COMPANY, Project Manager
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acting herein on behalf of
itself and the other Applicants,
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,
acting by and through the City
Public Service Board the City of
San Antonio, CENTRAL POWER AND
LIGHT COMPANY and THE CITY OF
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF	§		
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COMPANY, ET AL.	§		STN 50-499-OL
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(South Texas Project,	§		
Units 1 and 2)	§		
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing letter to the Members of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in response to the Memorandum and Order Modifying Discovery Schedule dated January 16, 1980 in the above-captioned proceeding were served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or by hand delivery this 6th day of February, 1980:

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