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AFFIDAVIT

I, Merle L. Borchelt, having been duly sworn, do depose
and say that:

1. I am Executive Vice-President of Central Power and Light Company, Corpus Christi, Texas, a wholly owned subsidiary of Central and South West Corporation ("CSW").

2. Shortly before March 25, 1980, Mr. Durwood Chalker, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CSW, requested that I contact Mr. Robert E. Roundtree, General Manager of the Public Utilities Board of Brownsville, Texas ("Brownsville") to advise Mr. Roundtree of the current status of the discussions among CSW, Houston Lighting & Power Company ("HLP") and Texas Utilities Company ("TU") concerning the possible interconnection of the Texas Interconnected System ("TIS") with the Southwest Power Pool ("SWPP") by two direct current (dc) transmission lines.

3. Accordingly on March 25, 1980 I, along with Mr. Buddy Teague and Mr. Tyler Russell of CPL, met with Mr. Roundtree and Mr. Larry Gawlik, Brownsville's Manager of Engineering in Brownsville. I advised Mr. Roundtree and Mr. Gawlik that CSW, HLP and TU had reached a preliminary agreement on the location and capacity of two dc interconnections between TIS and the SWPP, and that the capacity indicated for these two interconnections was tentative and could be the subject of additional studies. I further

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explained that one of the purposes of my visit was to obtain Brownsville's preliminary reaction to and comments if any on the dc interconnection.

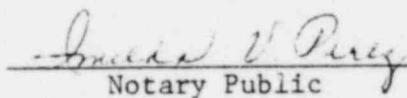
4. Mr. Roundtree responded that Brownsville might be interested in paying for some capacity in a dc interconnection and requested that Brownsville be permitted to participate in any subsequent studies addressing the dc interconnection. I replied that I thought that this was perfectly appropriate and that at least as far as CPL was concerned, Brownsville would be welcome to participate in these studies. I had no reason to believe that any other party would have any objection to Brownsville's participation and no objection has been expressed to me.

5. The meeting concluded on very amicable terms. On April 7, 1980, I received a copy of the Opposition by Brownsville to Joint Motion for Extension of Time and Request for Prehearing Conference ("Opposition"). I was very surprised to read the allegation in the Opposition that Brownsville "does not believe that the arrangements as proposed for the dc interconnection will be in the larger public interest . . ." since at no time during my meeting with Mr. Roundtree and Mr. Gawlik did either of them state that in their view the dc interconnection would not be in the "larger public interest" or otherwise express any objection to the dc interconnection. In fact, I had left that meeting with the impression that Brownsville would be willing to work with us on the dc interconnection.

6. I would like to correct one statement attributed to me in Mr. Roundtree's March 27, 1980 Affidavit, Attachment B to the Opposition. I did not, contrary to the allegations on page 2 of the Affidavit, state at the March 27, 1980 meeting, or at any other time, that all federal regulatory staffs had been contacted and that the "reactions expressed were favorable." I did state that the appropriate staffs had been or would be contacted, and that I was unaware of any objections to the dc interconnection by any of the staffs which had been contacted.


Merle L. Borchelt

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 10th day of April, 1980.

 IMELDA V. PEREZ
Notary Public

My Commission expires 1-31-81.

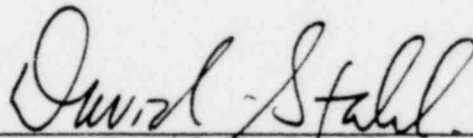
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of:	§	
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HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER	§	NRC DOCKET NOS. 50-498A
COMPANY, THE CITY OF SAN	§	50-499A
ANTONIO, THE CITY OF AUSTIN,	§	
and CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT	§	
COMPANY	§	
(South Texas Project,	§	
Unit Nos. 1 and 2)	§	
	§	
TEXAS UTILITIES GENERATING	§	NRC DOCKET NOS. 50-445A
COMPANY, <u>et al.</u>	§	50-446A
(Comanche Peak Steam	§	
Electric Station,	§	
Unit Nos. 1 and 2)	§	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, David M. Stahl, hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Response of Central and South West Corporation to Opposition by Brownsville to Joint Motion for Extension of Time and Affidavit of Merle L. Borchelt were served upon the following listed persons either by hand delivery or by deposit in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid on this 11th day of April, 1980.



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