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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Gentlemen:

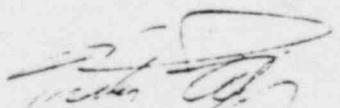
This refers to your responses dated May 23, 1980 to the specific items of noncompliance identified in our Notice of Violation, Appendix A dated April 30, 1980 and to Section VI of our Order to Show Cause of the same date. We also acknowledge receipt of your check for \$100,000 in payment of the imposed civil penalties. (Notice of Violation, Appendix B)

Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions documented in your letter and further clarified during the meeting in my office on May 30, 1980 attended by yourself, Mr. D. D. Jordan and members of my staff. These actions will be examined during subsequent inspections of your licensed program.

We note that the proposed corrective and preventive actions predominantly involve additional or revised procedures and instructions. Although our inspectors identified a few cases of inadequate procedures, the principal finding was the failure on the part of both Houston Lighting & Power and Brown & Root personnel to effectively implement the in-place QA/QC programmatic requirements. In our follow-up inspections we will be concentrating not only upon the adequacy of procedures and instructions but also upon the effectiveness of their implementation.

Your cooperation in these matters is appreciated.

Sincerely,


Victor Stelto, Jr.
Director
Office of Inspection
and Enforcement

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