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Houston Lighting & Power Company  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. J. E. Bess, R. J. Evans, J. I. Tapia, and D. M. Hunnicutt of this office during the period September 1-30, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating Licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, and to the discussion of our findings with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included plant status, onsite followup of plant events, onsite followup of written reports of nonroutine events, monthly maintenance observations, monthly surveillance observations, operational safety verification, spent fuel pool activities, and refueling activities. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this violation, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 4 of the enclosed report.

The response directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report  
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