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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION IV  
611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 1000  
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76012

July 17, 1980

In Reply Refer To:  
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Docket No. 50-498  
50-499

Houston Lighting and Power Company  
ATTN: Mr. G. W. Oprea, Jr.  
Executive Vice President  
Post Office Box 1700  
Houston, Texas 77001

Gentlemen:

This confirms the discussion between Messrs. R. A. Frazar and J. W. Briskin of your staff and Mr. H. S. Phillips of my staff on July 15, 1980, concerning actions you are taking with regard to the stop-work order (Order No. S21A) of April 11, 1980, and as documented in our letter dated April 17, 1980.

Specifically, we understand that you intend to:

- a. Verify that the radiographic process for determining AWS welder qualifications is adequately controlled.
- b. Proceed to requalify welders on a limited basis (approximately six).
- c. Requalify other welders, if the basis for welder qualification proves to be adequately controlled.

We have no further questions on the above steps at this time. If your understanding of this matter is not consistent with the above, please contact this office immediately.

Sincerely,

*Karl V. Seyfrit*  
Karl V. Seyfrit  
Director

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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