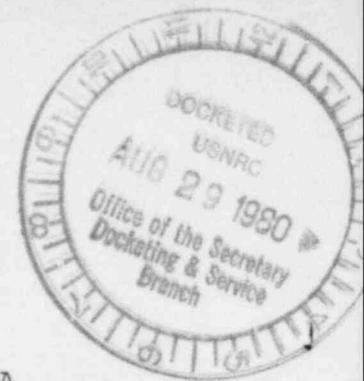


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD



In the Matter of)	
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Houston Lighting & Power Company, et al. (South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2))	Docket Nos. 50-498A 50-499A
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Texas Utilities Generating Company, et al. (Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2))	Docket Nos. 50-445A 50-446A

JOINT MOTION OF HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER COMPANY, TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY, CITY OF AUSTIN, CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF SAN ANTONIO, NRC STAFF, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE TEX-LA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OF TEXAS FOR PARTIAL REVISION OF PROCEDURAL DATES

Houston Lighting & Power Company, the Texas Utilities Company, the City of Austin, the City Public Service Board of San Antonio, the NRC Staff, the Department of Justice and the Tex-La Electric Cooperative of Texas, Inc. hereby jointly request that the Board revise in part the procedural dates announced in the Board's Order of August 13, 1980. The primary purpose of this motion is to amend the procedural schedule so as to allow for the phased submission of trial briefs.

In its Order of August 13, 1980, the Board announced a new trial schedule in response to a motion filed by the NRC Staff, and in doing so it provided for the simultaneous filing of trial briefs. This marked a departure from the procedure which the Board adopted in its Orders of December 14, 1979 and April 10, 1980, both of which called for the phased submittal

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of briefs. The joint movants submit that the proposed revision of the procedural schedule set forth below is to the advantage of all parties and to the Board.

The purpose of a trial brief is to sharpen and address the factual and legal issues in dispute. By filing responsive trial briefs, the defending parties will be able to place the issues in sharper focus. This consideration is even more important now than previously due to the fact that the issues have become somewhat obscured because of the private settlement agreements.

The proposed schedule calls for the complainant parties to submit their briefs one week earlier than called for in the Board's August 13 Order. However, the movants believe that this modification will not significantly prejudice the interest of any party. The defending parties then have two weeks to file their responsive briefs, the same period of time previously allotted by the Board. The proposed schedule still allows the Board a three-week period in which to review all materials between the final submission of briefs and the commencement of the hearing, and affords the complainant parties the same period of time between receipt of the defending parties' briefs and commencement of hearings as is provided in the existing schedule. The joint movants seek to avoid any unnecessary delay in the commencement of the evidentiary hearing, and therefore propose a schedule which would postpone the start of the hearing by only one additional week.

Accordingly, the joint movants respectfully request that the Board revise its Order of August 13 and adopt the following

procedural schedule:

- 1) September 12, 1980 - Status reports on settlement shall be submitted to the Board by 12:30 P.M.; including proposed settlement on license conditions, unresolved issues, and suggestions for hearing procedures.
- 2) September 15, 1980 - Prehearing Conference, to settle remaining issues.
- 3) October 8, 1980 - Trial briefs, lists of witnesses and exhibits, and summaries of testimony to be filed by complainant parties.
- 4) October 22, 1980 - Trial briefs, lists of witnesses and exhibits, and summaries of testimony to be filed by defendant parties.
- 5) October 29, 1980 - Final Prehearing Conference.
- 6) November 12, 1980 - Commencement of Evidentiary Hearing.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the foregoing:

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