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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION IV
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September 15, 1980

In Reply Refer to:
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Docket No. 50-498/Rpt. 80-23
50-499/Rpt. 80-23

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

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by our Resident Inspector, Mr. H. S. Phillips, during the period of August 1980 of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permits No. CPPR-128 and 129 for the South Texas Project, Units No. 1 and 2, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. R. A. Frazar and other members of your staff during the inspection period.

Areas examined during the inspection and our findings are discussed in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

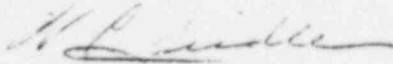
Within the scope of the inspection, no items of noncompliance were identified.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If the report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you submit a written application to this office, within 20 days of the date of this letter, requesting that such information be withheld from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons why it is claimed that the information is proprietary. The application should be prepared so that any proprietary information identified is contained in an enclosure to the application, since the application without the enclosure will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,



W. C. Seidle, Chief
Reactor Construction and
Engineering Support Branch

Enclosure:

IE Inspection Report No. 50-498/80-23
50-495/80-23