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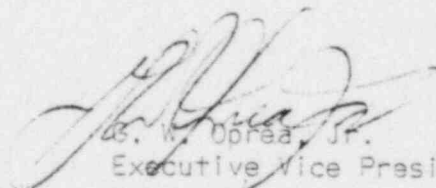
Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

South Texas Project
Units 1&2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Second Interim Report on the Deficiency
Concerning Backfill Material

On March 21, 1980, pursuant to 10CFR50.55(e), Houston Lighting & Power Company notified your office concerning certain non-conforming backfill material areas located around the South Texas Project Unit 2 power block. In our Response to Items of Non-compliance, dated July 28, 1980, a report on the "Adequacy of Category I Structural Backfill for the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station" was submitted as Exhibit 9. This report, which was prepared by an independent expert committee, provides information and status concerning this matter. This letter constitutes our second interim report. The next interim report will be submitted to your office by December 5, 1980.

If there are any questions concerning this item, please contact Mr. Michael E. Powell at (713) 676-8592.

Very truly yours,


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