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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD



In the Matter of

HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER COMPANY

(Allens Creek Nuclear Generating  
Station, Unit 1)

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Docket No. 50-466

JOINT RESPONSE OF APPLICANT AND NRC STAFF  
TO ASLB ORDER OF NOVEMBER 21, 1980

Houston Lighting & Power Company (Applicant) and the NRC Staff (Staff) file this joint response to the Licensing Board's Order of November 21, 1980, which required submission of a list of environmental contentions and Board questions and the sequence in which these issues will be heard.

The dates listed below for trial of the environmental issues have been agreed upon by the Applicant and the Staff and are intended only as a tentative schedule for planning purposes. Two aspects of the proposed schedule should be kept in mind. First, the proposed dates are tentative since certain issues may be heard more quickly than the time allotted in the schedule. As the Board stated in its Order of October 21, 1980, once a particular issue has been heard, the next issue will be taken up thereafter

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without a pause in the hearing schedule. In addition, the four days set aside by the Board to hear limited appearance statements (January 12-15) may not take the entire four days in which case the evidentiary hearings would commence earlier than January 16, 1981. (See Board's Order of November 25, 1980, p. 2, n. 1.).

Secondly, since intervenors have not identified any expert witnesses to date, they have been allocated only one day to present direct testimony on each group of contentions. If intervenors intend to file testimony of expert witnesses, the proposed schedule can be adjusted accordingly.

The following represent Applicant's and Staff's best estimate for a hearing schedule on the environmental issues:

I. Cooling Lake.

TexPirg Contentions Nos. 2 and 4 (cooling lake recreational benefits)<sup>1/</sup>; Bishop Contentions Nos. 12 and 21 (radioactivity in the cooling lake and seepage from the lake).

Jan. 16, 19 and 20

Applicant's panel of witnesses

Jan. 21 and 22

Staff's panel of witnesses

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<sup>1/</sup> Refers only to contention numbers for the lead party on consolidated contentions.

Jan. 23

Intervenors' witnesses

II. Energy Alternatives.

TexPirg Contention No. 5 (solid waste combustion),  
No. 7 (energy conservation and solar energy), AC 8  
(natural gas), AC 12 (interconnection); Doggett Con-  
tention No. 1(b) (coal vs. nuclear costs); ASLB Ques-  
tion No. 1 and No. 13 (lignite)<sup>2/</sup>.

Feb. 2, 3 and 4

Applicant's panel of  
witnesses

Feb. 5 and 6

Staff's panel of witnesses

Feb. 9

Intervenors' witnesses

III. Transmission Lines and Barge Slip..

Rentfro Contention No. 2 (health effects of EHV  
lines); Marrack Contention No. 2(c) (waterfowl colli-  
sions); ASLB Question No. 11 (waterfowl); TexPirg AC 1  
(barge slip); questions raised by ASLB in its Order of  
March 30, 1979 (barge slip).

Feb. 10

Applicant's panel of witnesses  
on transmission lines and  
waterfowl

Feb. 11

Staff's panel of witnesses  
on transmission lines and  
waterfowl

Feb. 12 (morning)

Intervenors' witnesses on  
transmission lines and waterfowl

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<sup>2/</sup> These questions are numbered in the Board's Order of  
July 31, 1980.

Feb. 12 (afternoon)	Applicant's witness on barge slip
Feb. 13 (morning)	Staff's witness on barge slip
Feb. 13 (afternoon)	Intervenors' witness on barge slip

IV. Alternative Sites, Population Projections and Health Effects of Low Level Radiation

TexPirg Contention No. 1 (STP vs. ACNGS); Hinderstein Contention No. 5 (coastal sites); Bishop Contention No. 1 (population projections); Cumings Contention No. 9 (health effects of low level radiation).<sup>3/</sup>

Feb. 23, 24 (morning)	Applicant's panel of witnesses on alternative sites and population projections
Feb. 24 (afternoon) and 25	Staff's panel of witnesses on alternative sites and population projections
Feb. 26	Intervenors' witnesses
Feb. 27	Applicant, Staff and Intervenor witnesses on health effects of low level radiation, if necessary <sup>4/</sup>

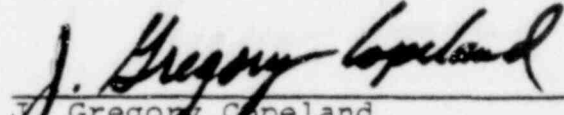
The week of March 2-6 which has been set aside for hearings by the Board in its Order of October 3, 1980, will be reserved to hear any issues not completed by the last week in February.

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<sup>3/</sup> A lead party for this contention has not yet been designated by the consolidated parties.

<sup>4/</sup> The Staff filed on November 26, 1980, a motion for summary disposition on this issue.

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Joint Response of Applicant and NRC Staff to ASLB Order of November 21, 1980 in the above-captioned proceeding were served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or by hand-delivery this 2nd day of December, 1980.

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