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February 16, 1981

Mr. Harold R. Denton  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Re: In the Matter of Houston Lighting & Power  
Company (Allens Creek Nuclear Generating  
Station, Unit 1) Docket No. 50-466

Dear Mr. Denton:

At our meeting on February 5, 1981, we discussed the requirements for NRC Staff resources to support the hearing schedule for Allens Creek.

The ACNGS hearing is moving ahead on a timely basis; environmental hearings may very well be completed in March, 1981. The ASLB has indicated its willingness to begin hearings on safety issues in early May.

As you may recall, we and the NRC Staff advised the ASLB on December 8, 1980, that hearings could commence on 16 safety contentions on May 1, with testimony to be filed by April 10; we also advised the ASLB that hearings could begin on another 14 safety contentions "shortly thereafter." A copy of our joint submittal to the ASLB is attached for your convenience.

We believe that it is vital to the expeditious conduct of the ACNGS hearing that we and the NRC Staff be ready to commence hearings on safety issues on or about May 1 and, subject to the availability of the ASLB, stay in

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relatively continuous session until all pending safety issues are heard. I want to emphasize that the pending contentions I have mentioned are neither "TMI-related" issues nor the subject of motions for summary disposition.

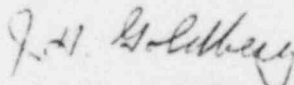
At the hearing on February 13, HL&P counsel requested that the ASLB consider setting a schedule for safety hearings and that the matter be discussed at the hearing session on February 23, 1981. A representation by the NRC Staff regarding its ability to support hearings on all 30 pending safety issues will obviously be pivotal in the ASLB's deliberations. We urgently request that the technical resources necessary for this purpose be authorized and that your representative be able to so state at the February 23 hearing session.

We also request your help in moving promptly to publish in final form the supplement to the FES for Allens Creek which covers alternative sites and the environmental effects of transporting the RPV to the construction site. We understand that few comments have been received on the draft. As you know, the NRC Staff's testimony on this matter cannot be given until the final version of this document is released. Prompt action is essential to complete the environmental hearings in March, 1981.

We are keenly aware of the constraints on budget and personnel under which your Staff must operate. On the other hand, I believe that our commitment to the ACNGS project is amply demonstrated by our activity in the development of the NTCP rule, our special studies on the degraded core matter and related licensing matters. We feel strongly that our demonstrated commitment justifies an allocation of appropriate Staff resources to the Allens Creek project.

We would very much appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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JOINT RESPONSE OF NRC STAFF AND APPLICANT  
TO ASLB ORDER AT PREHEARING CONFERENCE TO  
SUBMIT A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR COMMENCEMENT  
OF HEARINGS ON HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

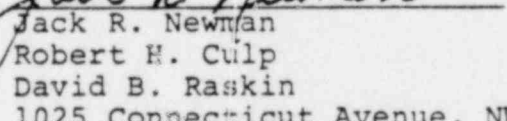
At the prehearing conference held in this proceeding on December 2, 1980, the Board directed the NRC Staff and Applicant to submit to the Board and parties within 5 days a proposed schedule for commencement of evidentiary hearings on health and safety issues. In response to the Board's Order, the Staff and Applicant have conferred, and submit the following proposed schedule.

The Staff and Applicant have identified thirty health and safety issues which are neither the subject of pending motions for summary disposition, nor are issues related to post-TMI proposed licensing requirements. Accordingly, these issues are now ripe for trial. A list of these thirty issues is set forth in Attachment A to this response.

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Applicant is prepared to commence hearings on all of these issues beginning May 1, 1981. Based upon current estimates of manpower resources, the Staff has identified sixteen of the thirty issues listed on Attachment A as to which the Staff can support a hearing date of May 1, 1981. These sixteen issues are set forth in Attachment B. The Staff and Applicant request the Board to establish a date of May 1, 1981, for commencement of the evidentiary hearings on the sixteen issues listed in Attachment B, with the date of April 10, 1981, for filing of testimony on these issues. With respect to the remaining fourteen issues listed in Attachment A, the Staff and Applicant anticipate that the hearings on these issues would commence shortly after the completion of the hearings on the first sixteen issues. A more definite schedule for hearings on these issues can be discussed among the Board and the parties in January, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## LIST OF HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES RIPE FOR HEARING

Doherty	9	-	Containment buckling
TexPirg	36 (McCorkle 17)	-	Charcoal adsorber
Doherty	32	-	ECCS vaporization
TexPirg	AC 41	-	Reactor pressure limits/relief valves
TexPirg	AC 55	-	Rapid depressurization/steam break
Bishop	4&5	-	Pipeline rupture/24" gas line
Bishop	7	-	Pipeline rupture/dam breach
Bishop	9	-	Pipeline rupture/non-methane
Bishop	10	-	Pipeline rupture/Brazos River
Doherty	29	-	Blockage of intake canal
Doherty	20 (a)	-	Gap conductance
Doherty	39	-	Fuel swelling
Doherty	14, 25	-	Fuel failure/MSLRM
Doherty	3	-	Fuel specific enthalpy
Doherty	6	-	Recirculation pump overspeed
Doherty	7	-	LPCI cold-slug
Doherty	48	-	CRD return line
Doherty	26 (a)	-	Stud bolts
Doherty	50	-	Jet pump beam
Doherty	41	-	Water level indicators
(and TexPirg AC 54)			
ASLB	11	-	RHR single failure
TexPirg	39	-	Fracture toughness (generic issue A-11)
Doherty	27	-	Reactor pedestal
ASLB	10	-	Bypass leakage
TexPirg	26	-	Computer code error
Doherty	30	-	Interconnection/grid stability
TexPirg	AC 21	-	Occupational exposure
ASLB	8	-	Seismic category 1 - control rods, control rod drives and control units
TexPirg	6 (Bishop 18)	-	Aircraft hazards

## LIST OF HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES FOR HEARING ON MAY 1, 1981

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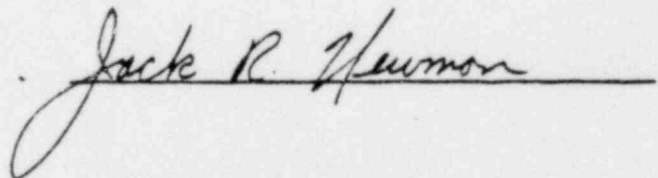
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of Joint Response of NRC Staff and Applicant to ASLB Order at Prehearing Conference to Submit a Proposed Schedule for Commencement of Hearings on Health and Safety Issues were served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or by hand delivery this 8th day of December, 1980:

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