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In the Matter of
Houston Lighting & Power Company
(Allens Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1)
Docket No. 50-466

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a letter from Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P) to the Director, NRR, informing him of a stretchout in the ACNGS construction schedule.

Applicant intends to start construction in 1982,

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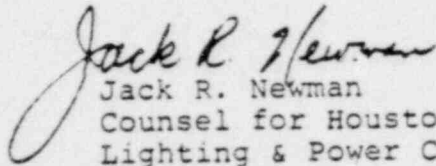
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as previously contemplated, but the construction schedule will be attenuated owing to financial constraints. Our evidentiary presentations on financial qualifications and need for power will be updated to reflect this change.

Since this change does not alter the time when construction must be initiated, we respectfully urge that the Board maintain a schedule for the proceeding consistent with a decision date not later than early 1982.

Very truly yours,


Jack R. Newman
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Lighting & Power Company

Enclosure
cc: Service List w/encl.

HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER COMPANY

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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

March 25, 1981

Mr. Harold Denton
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

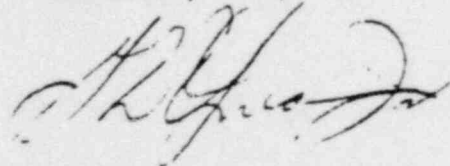
This is to advise that owing to financing constraints, we have determined that it will be necessary to delay the in-service dates of five of the Company's planned generating units, including Allens Creek Nuclear Generating Station. Our revised schedule for Allens Creek calls for start-up in March 1991. Under our new schedule, construction start would not be delayed; rather the overall construction would be stretched out to ease financing requirements.

We are hopeful that a program of load management will be effective in reducing peak demand to levels which can be reliably served with the reduced installed capacity associated with the new plan.

We urge your continued assistance in helping to meet our original date for the beginning of construction in 1982. If we fail to start construction in 1982, we will lose the financing benefits from the stretched-out schedule, and the flexibility to accelerate construction if load management is unsuccessful. Additionally, we may also suffer attrition in the staff we have developed in anticipation of the start of construction in 1982.

Your continued timely licensing support will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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(Allens Creek Nuclear Generating)
Station, Unit 1))
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of Applicant's letter to the Director, NRR, regarding the Allens Creek Nuclear Generating Station construction schedule and the attached letter to the Board were served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or by hand delivery, this 27th day of March, 1981.

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