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Re: Houston Lighting & Power Company, et al.
South Texas Project, Unit Nos. 1 & 2,
NRC Dkt. 50-498A and 50-499A;
Texas Utilities Generating Company, et al.
Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station,
Unit Nos. 1 & 2, NRC Dkt. Nos. 50-445A
and 50-446A

Dear Chairman Miller and Members of the Board:

On September 15, 1980, the Public Utility Board of Brownsville ("Brownsville") filed a Motion for Disapproval of Proposed License Conditions ("Motion"), along with its comments on those proposed settlement conditions. Under NRC Rules of Practice, the Staff's response to that Motion would be due on October 15, 1980.

As we have already indicated to the Board at page 2 in the NRC Staff's October 7th Response to Brownsville's October 3rd motion for revision of the present procedural schedule, the Staff believes that Brownsville's September 25th Motion for Disapproval was an inappropriate reply to the Board's request solely for comments on the settlement license conditions. Since then, Brownsville has filed its Initial Trial Brief, which again sets forth its objections to the settlement license conditions but now in the context of various legal and factual contentions.

The Staff continues to adhere to its position, as previously enunciated in the above-mentioned Staff Response of October 7th at page 2, that the most appropriate and efficacious manner to respond to Brownsville's objections to the settlement license conditions is in the Staff's Reply Brief. This Reply Brief, however, may be facilitated by addressing the concerns raised in Houston's letter of October 14, 1980, some of which the Staff shares. The Staff is presently obligated to file its Brief on October 22, 1980, in accordance with the current procedural schedule as again reaffirmed in the Board's Order of October 8, 1980.

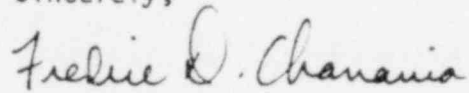
This letter is to reiterate the Staff's intentions on this matter, should there be any possible misunderstanding arising from the most current set of

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cross-pleadings. If the Board believes that this approach is inappropriate, then the Staff, by this letter, requests an extension of time in which to respond to Brownsville's Motion until the date on which our Reply Brief is due.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fredric D. Chania".

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cc: All Parties