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March 18, 1981

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Docket No. 50-498/Rpt. 80-13

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Houston Lighting and Power Company
ATTN: Mr. G. W. Oprea, Jr.
Executive Vice President
Post Office Box 1700
Houston, Texas 77001

Gentlemen:

This refers to the investigation conducted by Messrs. W. G. Hubacek and D. P. Tomlinson of our staff during the periods May 27, 1980, and February 25-27, 1981, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permits No. CPPR-128 and No. CPPR-129 for the South Texas Project, Units No. 1 and No. 2, in regard to alleged deficiencies which were reported by a former South Texas Project employee.

The investigation and our findings are discussed in the enclosed investigation report.

Within the scope of the investigation, no violations or deviations were identified.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed investigation report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If the report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you submit a written application to this office, within 25 days of the date of this letter, requesting that such information be withheld from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons why it is claimed that the information is proprietary. The application should be prepared so that any proprietary information identified is contained in an enclosure to the application, since the application without the enclosure will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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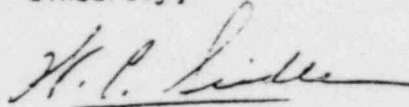
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Should you have any questions concerning this investigation, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. C. Seidle", with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

W. C. Seidle, Chief
Engineering Inspection Branch

Enclosure:

IE Investigation Report

No. 50-498/80-13; 50-499/80-13