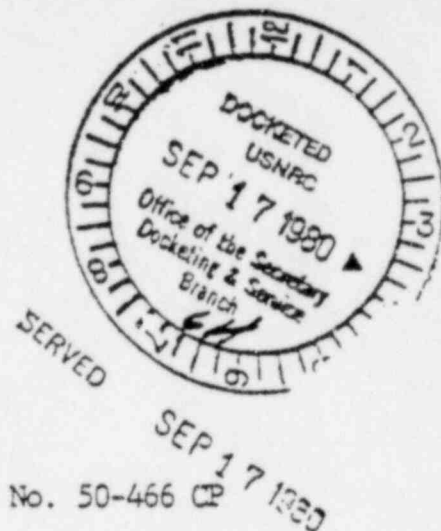


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Sheldon J. Wolfe, Esquire, Chairman
Dr. E. Leonard Cheatum, Member
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In the Matter of)

HOUSTON LIGHTING AND POWER COMPANY)

(Allens Creek Nuclear Generating)
Station, Unit 1))

Docket No. 50-466 CP SEP 17 1980

ORDER
(September 17, 1980)

During the prehearing conference held on August 13, 1980, the Board advised that it anticipated the hearing upon environmental matters would commence in the second week of January, 1981 (Tr. 1747-48, 1773) and stated that the hearing could not be held earlier because, for one thing, the Board would not be available from November 1, 1980 to about January 15, 1981 (Tr. 1790). However, as is indicated in Acting Chairman Lazo's letter to Applicant's counsel dated September 15, 1980, the possibility of a conflict in scheduling has been obviated, and the Board is now available to hear environmental matters in the instant case pursuant to the following schedule:

December 1 through December 5, 1980

December 8 through December 12

December 15 through December 19

January 5, 1981 (and continuing on all week days thereafter) to completion of testimony on environmental matters.

By no later than September 26, 1980 the parties are requested to advise whether the above-set-forth schedule is desirable and/or feasible, and, if not, why not. In addition, Applicant shall advise what its documented past

and current projected on-line dates were and/or are for ACNCS, Unit 1. Comments upon the desirability and/or feasibility of commencing the hearing in the second week of January, 1981 are neither requested nor will they be considered by the Board. The mid-January 1981 commencement date will remain constant and unchanged unless and until the Board, after receiving comments from the parties as herein requested, determines to adopt the above-set-forth schedule.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND
LICENSING BOARD

Sheldon J. Wolfe
Sheldon J. Wolfe, Esquire
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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland
this 17th day of September, 1980.

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September 17, 1980

Honorable John Ahearne, Chairman
Nuclear Regulation Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

Houston Lighting and Power Company has complained that the NRC has delayed setting a hearing for a construction permit on a new nuclear plant.

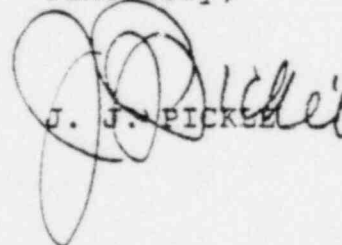
The Allens Creek Nuclear Project would be built in the Tenth Congressional District of Texas which I represent. HL&P has worked several years on this project. The local community of Wallis, Texas has expressed a positive view toward the project.

I do not want to pass judgement on the merits of the case, and I realize that a hearing should be thorough and explore all sides of the issues. However, I would simply ask that the agency move ahead and set a date for a hearing. I realize the NRC has sought to fully reconsider all operations and procedures in the wake of Three Mile Island, and I understand you are working without the confirmation as yet of the new permanent chairman.

However, if the agency can make the decisions which enabled VEPCO to begin operating its second North Anna plant, I would think you could either reconstitute the licensing board or relieve the members of other duties and set a construction hearing for HL&P.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


J. J. PICKLE

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