

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:
Charles Bechhoefer, Chairman
Dr. James C. Lamb
Mr. Ernest E. Hill

In the Matter of:

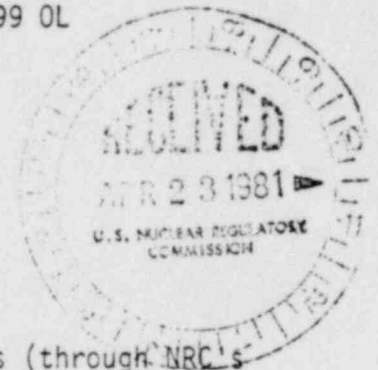
HOUSTON LIGHTING AND
POWER COMPANY, ET AL.

(South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2)

Docket Nos. STN 50-498 OL
STN 50-499 OL

April 21, 1981

ORDER



On April 20, 1981, the Licensing Board received copies (through NRC's internal mail system) of the Staff's "Partial Safety Evaluation Report" (SER) concerning QA/QC matters with respect to operation of the South Texas facility. (We presume the SER was issued and served on all parties that same day.) At the third prehearing conference on March 17-18, we had established dates for discovery, identification of witnesses, filing of testimony and hearing on issues arising out of the QA/QC portion of the SER. Those dates were based on a tentative SER issuance date of April 7, 1981. See Third Prehearing Conference Order, dated April 1, 1981, at p. 7. The 13-day delay in actual issuance of the SER requires some modification to the schedule for discovery, identification of witnesses, and filing of testimony. This revised schedule takes into account the differing personnel resources available to intervenors, on the one hand, and the Staff and

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Applicants, on the other, to participate in hearings and, at the same time, prepare for future hearings. In our view no adjustment to the previously adopted hearing schedule is warranted.

For these reasons, it is, this 21st day of April, 1981

ORDERED

That the following schedule shall govern consideration of QA/QC matters arising out of the SER:

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| 1. Last day for filing discovery requests | May 4, 1981 |
| 2. Responses to discovery
(to be served on parties and Board at evidentiary hearing) | May 18, 1981 |
| 3. Identification of witnesses
(to be served on parties and Board at evidentiary hearing) | June 1, 1981 |
| 4. Filing of testimony | June 5, 1981 |
| 5. Hearing commences on SER matters | No earlier than
June 15, 1981 |

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND
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Charles Bechhoefer
Charles Bechhoefer, Chairman
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE