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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV  
611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 1000  
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011

January 21, 1981

Docket Nos. 50-498/80-31  
50-499/80-31

Houston Lighting & Power Company  
ATTN: Mr. G. W. Oprea, Jr.  
Executive Vice President  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the investigation conducted by Mr. D. D. Driskill and Mr. R. K. Herr of our staff on October 15-17, 22-23 and November 13, 1980, at your facility in Bay City, Texas, concerning allegations that a Construction Foreman was fired because he resisted pressures being exerted on his men, that Brown & Root, Inc. had rehired individuals who were formerly fired as a result of an NRC investigation and that safety-related documentation, in a particular activity, is inadequate and some have been falsified. The investigation and our findings are discussed in the enclosed investigation report.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the Commission's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter together with the enclosed investigation report will be placed in the Commission's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within twenty (20) days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must include a full statement of the reasons on the basis of which it is claimed that the information is proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in a separate part of the document. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

*Karl V. Seyfrit*  
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Director

Enclosure:  
Investigation Report  
Nos. 50-498/80-31  
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