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Mr. Karl Seyfrit
Director, Region IV
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

South Texas Project
Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
First Interim Report Concerning
Westinghouse EMD Gate Valves

On July 2, 1981, pursuant to 10CFR50.55(e), Houston Lighting & Power Company, notified your office of an item concerning closure problems with Westinghouse (W) Electro-Mechanical Division (EMD) manufactured gate valves.

Westinghouse is currently performing an evaluation program which includes analyses and flow tests performed in a hydraulic test laboratory. The subject valves will be modified based on the results of the evaluation to assure that the functional requirements for the subject valves are met. The W schedule for this evaluation identifies that operating plants will be evaluated on a priority basis and all other plants (i.e. those under construction) will be evaluated once the evaluation for operating plants is complete. The current schedule identifies that the valve models utilized on the South Texas Project (STP) will be evaluated during the final quarter, 1981. A status report concerning this item will be submitted to your office by December 18, 1981.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Michael E. Powell at (713) 676-8592.

Very truly yours,

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