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Houston Lighting & 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. R. K. Herr and J. I. Tapia of our staff on July 14-15, 1981, at your facility in Bay City, Texas, concerning allegations dealing with falsification of painting records, use of out-of-specification welding rod, and uneven settlement of the Unit 2 Reactor Containment Building. The investigation and our findings are discussed in the enclosed investigation report.

Within the scope of this investigation, we found no instance where you failed to meet NRC requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed investigation report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within 10 days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within 25 days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. If your receipt of this letter has been delayed such that less than seven days are available for your review, please notify this office promptly so that a new due date may be established. Consistent with Section 2.790(b)(1), any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons on the basis which it is claimed that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

"Original Signed by:  
W. C. SEIDLE"

W. C. Seidle, Chief  
Engineering Inspection Branch

Enclosure:  
IE investigation Report 50-498/81-24  
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