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SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT
UNITS 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
SAFETY RELATED CONSTRUCTION WORK

Dear Mr Seyfrit:

This letter supersedes our letter of October 16, 1981, requesting concurrence to proceed on certain safety related construction activities. As we discussed with you on October 15, 1981, we have previously announced our intention to change the contractor for the engineering and construction management responsibilities for South Texas Project and are in the process of developing a transition plan for accomplishing same.

On November 4, 1981, it was concluded that Houston Lighting & Power and Brown & Root could not reach an agreement on the basis for Brown & Root continuing as constructor. Therefore, Brown & Root has decided to withdraw completely from the project.

Brown & Root has agreed to effect an orderly withdrawal and to maintain an organization for site maintenance until a new contractor assumes responsibility for this work.

Attachment I is a list of safety related activities that should be performed during this new transition phase. HL&P and the Bechtel Power Corporation, acting as HL&P's consultant, developed Attachment I utilizing the sole criterion: what essential activities must continue to maintain, preserve, or protect safety related structures, systems, or equipment during the transition period. We estimate that this work will take place over approximately the next six months. During this period, Bechtel's QA staff will augment our staff in performing quality surveillance over this work.

In Attachment "A" to our letter of October 16, 1981, we listed a number of safety related items that would be continuing during the next four months. Since Brown & Root will not continue as constructor, we plan to bring their current safety related construction activities (previously authorized by Region IV) to an orderly conclusion on or before December 1, 1981. The only safety related work which will continue beyond December 1, 1981, is listed in Attachment I.

ATTACHMENT 1

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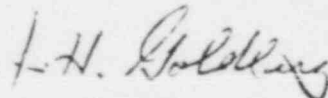
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As a matter of information, Attachment II is included and describes the work that we are continuing in non-safety related areas.

Accordingly, we respectfully request your concurrence with this plan for performance of South Texas Project safety related work.

Very truly yours,



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ATTACHMENT I

SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT
SAFETY RELATED OR PARTIALLY SAFETY RELATED
CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE
DURING TRANSITION PHASE (about 6 mos.)

1. Jobsite Maintenance (including)
 - A. Maintenance of dewatering system
 - B. Maintenance of installed equipment
 - C. General housekeeping
 - D. Application of protective coatings and preservatives for exposed metal surfaces and completion of concrete coating work which has been started in the reactor containment, mechanical and electric auxiliary, and fuel handling buildings
2. Material Handling
 - A. Receiving/Warehousing
 - B. Preventative maintenance of stored equipment
3. Maintain records and continue document control
4. Maintain fire protection system
5. Concrete curing
6. Maintain project site security
7. Maintain testing facilities as required
8. Maintain geotechnical monitoring for settlement and subsidence

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ATTACHMENT I7

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NON-SAFETY RELATED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE
DURING TRANSITION PHASE (about 6 mos.)

1. Jobsite Maintenance (including)
 - A. General housekeeping and maintenance of roads and ditches
 - B. Maintenance of construction equipment
2. Site dewatering well point, operate and maintain
3. Domestic water wells system, operate and maintain
4. Potable water, operate and maintain
 - A. Chlorinator
 - B. Ice facility and distribution
5. Fire protection system
 - A. Pumps (O & M)
 - B. Fire truck (O & M)
 - C. Portable Equipment (O & M)
6. Concrete curing, continuation
7. Sewage treatment facility (O & M)
8. Weed/grass control
9. Construction power maintenance
10. Construction communication maintenance
11. Trash disposal
12. First-aid facility, operate
13. Weather/storm protection, provide and maintain
14. Continue preparation and issue of required reports to governmental bodies
15. Shut down and maintain concrete batch plant
16. Varmint control

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