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Re: Houston Lighting & Power Co. et al
South Texas Project, Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. STN-50-498, STN-50-499

Gentlemen:

When the presentation of the remaining testimony in this proceeding was discussed on February 10, 1982 (Tr. 10379), it was suggested that the following sequence would be followed: (1) testimony on management of operations, first by the Applicants, then by the NRC Staff, and (2) testimony on the selected architect-engineer and construction manager and on the selected constructor, the organizational framework for continued construction, future QA/QC activities, etc. (see p. 4 of Fourth Prehearing Conference Order), first by the Applicants, then by the NRC Staff.

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This particular sequence had been suggested at a time when it appeared that hearings would be held in March and that only the testimony on operations would have been pre-filed sufficiently in advance to be heard at that time.

However, as events have developed, the testimony on all subjects will be pre-filed at least 15 days prior to the next hearing (by April 5)* and there is no need to utilize the foregoing sequence.

Applicants believe that Phase I of the proceeding can be completed more effectively and in a more logical fashion if they would proceed first and present all of their remaining testimony in the following sequence: (1) HL&P-Bechtel-Ebasco testimony on the selected architect-engineer and construction manager and the selected constructor, the organizational framework for construction, etc., (2) HL&P-Bechtel-Ebasco testimony on the QA/QC program for the design and construction phase, and (3) HL&P testimony on management of operations. Once the testimony of Applicants has been completed,*/ the NRC Staff can then provide all of its testimony on the foregoing subjects.

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- During the week of March 8, Applicants are filing updated testimony on the management of operations and related FSAR amendments, Revision 3 of the STP Quality Assurance Program Description (including Ebasco's QA program) for design and construction, and a summary of Ebasco's qualifications. A description of the interface among HL&P, Bechtel, and Ebasco will be filed by March 22. Testimony by all parties concerning the selected contractors, the framework for construction, future QA/QC, etc. is to be filed by April 5.

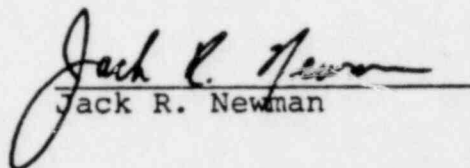
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- The intervenors have not indicated that they intend to present any testimony on these subjects. If they do file any testimony by the April 5 deadline, it would be presented prior to the NRC Staff's testimony.

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Counsel for the NRC Staff and CEU and Mr Sinkin on behalf of CCALP have informed us that they have no objection to the foregoing suggestion.

We respectfully request that the Board inform the parties at its earliest convenience whether our proposed sequence for the presentation of testimony is acceptable.

Very truly yours,


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I hereby certify that copies of Applicants' letter to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board dated March 10, 1982, have been served on the following individuals and entities by deposit in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, on this 10th day of March, 1982.

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