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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/93-35; 50-499/93-35 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. L. E. Ellershaw, V. G. Gaddy, and L. D. Gilbert of this office on November 15-19, 1993. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. Based on the results of this inspection, it was concluded that significant progress has been made concerning Restart Issue 14, "Adequacy of the Licensee's Resolution of the Reliability of the Feedwater Isolation Bypass Valves." However, this restart issue will remain open, pending completion of the open findings specified in the report.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain licensed activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violations are of concern because corrective actions affecting equipment important to safety were not promptly implemented, and in one case, resulted in the violation of the technical specifications.

Additionally, the feedwater isolation bypass valve positioners were incorrectly reclassified from safety-related to nonsafety-related status and this was in violation of Criterion III in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50. This violation is not being cited because the criteria in paragraph VII.B.2 of Appendix C to 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," were satisfied. This violation was identified by the licensee and prompt and effective actions were taken to correct the problem.

As discussed in the enclosed report, we have reviewed your corrective actions to these violations. Because of the actions already established and taken by

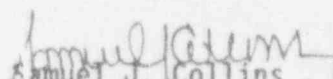
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you to satisfactorily address the concerns raised by these violations, no response will be required.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,


Samuel J. Collins, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-498/93-35; 50-499/93-35 w/Attachments

cc w/enclosures:

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