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SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF ACTIONS SPECIFIED IN CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER
(CAL 4-93-04) - SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNIT 1

This letter documents our discussion on February 15, 1994, in which the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission concurred with the Houston Lighting & Power Company's (HL&P) determination that South Texas Project (STP), Unit 1, had successfully complied with the commitments made to the NRC as prerequisites to the restart of either Units 1 or 2.

In a public meeting held at the South Texas Project Facility, on February 14, 1994, HL&P affirmed that the commitments had been met and that HL&P was ready to commence the startup of Unit 1 pending completion of Main Feedwater Isolation Valve Bypass Valve testing and confirmation of configuration management training. The information provided at the meeting was supplemented by HL&P Letter ST-HL-AE-4681 dated January 29, 1994, which provided a summary and status of the issues contained in NRC Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) 4-93-04 dated February 5, 1993, and its supplements dated May 7 and October 15, 1993.

The NRC staff, under the cognizance of the STP Restart Panel, has reviewed the preparations for restart, independently verified HL&P activities by inspection, and affirmed that the HL&P commitments had been completed, including satisfactory completion of main feedwater isolation valve bypass valve testing and confirmation that configuration management training is being performed. The Chairman of the STP Restart Panel recommended on February 15, 1994, that the Regional Administrator concur with restart of Unit 1.

You may proceed with the restart of Unit 1 in accordance with the Unit 1 Startup and Power Ascension Plan, observing all hold point plateaus and performance assessments in the process. The provisions of the CAL 4-93-04 and its supplements remain in place for STP Unit 2, and will be addressed in conjunction with your ongoing efforts in preparation for restart. We understand that you are preparing an Operational Readiness Plan for Unit 2. We will review your plan when it is available and monitor your readiness for restarting Unit 2. Prior to restarting Unit 2, you are requested to provide a

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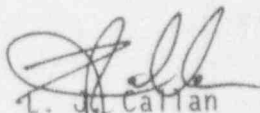
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briefing for the NRC staff which will be open for public observation. This briefing would address the completion of the Operational Readiness Plan for Unit 2 and the readiness of Unit 2 for restart.

On a separate matter, we understand that you are currently resolving testing anomalies identified during your recent postmodification testing of the Unit 1 rod control system. We will monitor your resolution of this issue as part of our augmented inspection effort during the approach to Unit 1 restart.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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