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Houston Lighting & Power Company ATTN: William T. Cottle, Group Vice President, Nuclear P.O. Box 1700 Houston, Texas 77251

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/93-48; 50-499/93-48

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. Mark A. Satorius and Wayne C. Sifre during the period October 12, 1993, to March 18, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your South Texas Project (STP) facility.

NRC Inspection Report 50-498/93-31; 50-499/93-31 documented the issues identified in the Diagnostic Evaluation Team (DET) Report, issued on June 10, 1993; the Confirmatory Action Letter, issued on February 5, 1993; the Confirmation Action Letter supplements, issued on May 7 and October 15, 1993; items contained in your Operational Readiness Plan; and items in other documents that were considered necessary to address prior to the restart of either unit at STP.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a followup review of the DET Report. Specifically, the review focused on the Operations section of the DET Report and identifies items that require licensee action but were not considered sufficiently significant to require closure prior to the restart of either unit at STP. NRC acknowledges that many of these items have been included in your Business Plan and may require long-term corrective actions. Additionally, many items identified in the report were addressed and closed during Restart Issue inspections conducted from October 1993 to January 1994. These items are noted in the report.

The inspection also reviewed the remaining open items related to Restart Issues documented in NRC Inspection Report 50-498/93-31; 50-499/93-31. Individual items not specifically closed during Restart Issue inspections that were adequately addressed by the licensee such that they could be considered resolved were closed in this report.

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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,

A. Bill Beach, Director Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report 50-498/93-48; 50-499/93-48

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