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Houston Lighting & Power Company ATTN: William T. Cottle, Group

Vice President, Nuclear

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/94-11; 50-499/94-11 (NOTICE OF

VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. Joseph I. Tapia of this office and Dennis N. Boal of the Office of Investigations on March 14-18, 1994. 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 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 and interviews with personnel. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

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 they represent (1) an inadequate understanding of NRC notification requirements and (2) inadequate verification of information submitted to the NRC.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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.

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Gwynn, Director, Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosures:

 Appendix A - Notice of Violation
Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report 50-498/94-11; 50-499/94-11 w/Attachment

cc w/enclosures:

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