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Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

April 4, 1994

Mr. William T. Cottle Group Vice-President, Nuclear Houston Lighting & Power Company South Texas Project Electric Generating Station P. O. Box 289 Wadsworth, Texas 77483

Dear Mr. Cottle:

SUBJECT: EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 55.59 - REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS - SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M87735 AND M87736)

By letter dated December 17, 1993, as supplemented by letter dated January 14, 1994, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P) requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 55.59(a)(1) and (c)(1) to allow HL&P to extend the current requalification cycle to April 22, 1994.

Section 55.59(a)(1) and (c)(1) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations require that each licensee successfully complete a requalification program that is conducted for a continuous period not to exceed twenty-four months in duration. As an enhancement to the operational staff, the licensee began a six-operating crew, six-week requalification training plan. As a result, the current requalification cycle, which began on April 13, 1992, will continue until April 22, 1994. This exceeds the twenty-four month limit stated in 10 CFR 55.59 by ten days.

The Commission has granted this exemption pursuant to 10 CFR 55.11. A copy of the exemption is enclosed and is being forwarded to the Office of the <u>Federal</u> Register for publication.

Sincerely, Original signed by Lawrence E. Kokajko, Senior Project Manager Project Directorate IV-2 Division of Reactor Projects III/IV/V Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure: Exemption

cc w/enclosure: See next page

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