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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
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South Texas Project Electric Generating Station
Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Proposed Amendment to the Technical Specification 5.3.1

Houston Lighting & Power (HL&P) proposes to amend Facility Operating Licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 for South Texas Project Units 1 and 2 by incorporating the attached proposed amendment to the Technical Specifications. The objective of this proposed amendment is to permit fuel assembly reconstitution to restore the usefulness of fuel assemblies containing damaged or leaking fuel rod(s). This is accomplished by allowing a limited number of fuel rods to be substituted with zirconium alloy or stainless steel filler rods. This submittal proposes a revised description of a fuel assembly and includes changes to section 5.3.1 of the Technical Specifications. The proposed change to Technical Specification 5.3.1 follows that described in the USNRC Generic Letter 90-02, Supplement 1.

HL&P has reviewed the proposed amendment pursuant to 10CFR50.92 and determined that it does not involve a significant hazards consideration. In addition, HL&P has determined that the proposed amendment satisfies the criteria of 10CFR51.22(c)(9) for categorical exclusion from the requirement for an environmental assessment. The South Texas Project Electric Generating Station Nuclear Safety Review Board has reviewed and approved the proposed change.

The required affidavit, along with a Safety Evaluation and No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination associated with the proposed change, and marked-up affected pages of the Technical Specification, is included as an attachment to the letter.

In accordance with 10CFR50.91(b), Houston Lighting & Power is providing the State of Texas with a copy of this proposed amendment.

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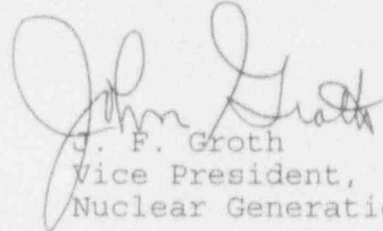
Project Manager on Behalf of the Participants in the South Texas Project

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- Attachment:
1. Affidavit
 2. Safety Evaluation and No Significant Hazards for the Proposed Changes to Permit Fuel Reconstitution
 3. Determination of No Significant Hazard for the Proposed Changes to Permit Fuel Reconstitution
 4. Marked-up Current South Texas Project Technical Specifications Reflecting Proposed Changes to Permit Fuel Reconstitution

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ATTACHMENT 1

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Company, et al.,)	50-499
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AFFIDAVIT

I, J. F. Groth, being duly sworn, hereby depose and say that I am Vice President, Nuclear Generation, of Houston Lighting & Power Company; that I am duly authorized to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the attached Proposed Amendment to the Technical Specification 5.3.1; that I am familiar with the content thereof; and that the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

John Groth

J. F. Groth
Vice President,
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STATE OF TEXAS)
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, this *14* day of *April*, 1994.

Connie Montgomery

Notary Public in and for the
State of Texas

