

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONHOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER COMPANYCITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF SAN ANTONIOCENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANYCITY OF AUSTIN, TEXASDOCKET NOS. 50-498 AND 50-499NOTICE OF PARTIAL DENIAL OF AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has partially denied a request by Houston Lighting & Power Company, et al. (the licensee), for amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80, issued to the licensee for operation of the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, located in Matagorda County, Texas. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of the amendments was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on March 21, 1990 (55 FR 10535).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to change the allowed outage times (AOTs) and/or surveillance test intervals (STIs) for several technical specifications (TS) as a result of the South Texas probabilistic safety assessment (PSA). The staff has concluded that the proposed change for the STI for TS 4.6.1.7 (containment ventilation) from 31 days to 92 days cannot be granted.

The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by letter dated February 17, 1994.

By March 28, 1994, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C., by the above date.

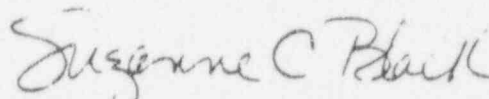
A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555 and to Jack R. Newman, Esq., Newman & Holtzinger, P.C., 1615 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20036, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated February 1, 1990, as supplemented by letters dated November 27, 1990, June 5, 1991, November 3, 1992, November 11, 1992, August 16, 1993, October 22, 1993, November 5, 1993 (two letters), and November 29, 1993, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated February 17, 1994.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C. and at the Wharton County Junior College, J. M. Hodges Learning Center, 911 Boling Highway, Wharton, Texas 77488.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of February 1994.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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