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Docket Nos.: 50-498 and 50-499

Mr. George W. Oprea, Jr. Executive Vice President Houston Lighting & Power Company Post Office Box 1700 Houston, Texas 77001

Dear Mr. Oprea:

Subject: Plans for Use of Westinghouse Model D Steam Generators

Within the last few months, there has been considerable interest paid to operating nuclear power plants with pre-heater steam generators (Model D) manufactured by Westinghouse Electric Corporation. This interest was initiated by tube failures and degradation in steam generators of this model at non-domestic nuclear power plants. We understand that you propose to use Westinghouse Model D pre-heater type steam generators at your facility.

Because of the safety concerns relative to steam generator tube damage, we consider the potential for such damage to be of safety significance. Therefore, we request that you provide us with your plans to address this problem at your facility. We are especially interested to know whether or not you are relying on the results of the Westinghouse test program or testing at operating plants, what instrumentation you may propose for detection of flow-induced vibration, and what testing and start-up procedures you propose for your own facility. Your full ocoperation in this matter is appreciated.

The reporting and/or record keeping requirements contained in this letter affect fewer than ten respondents; therefore, OMB clearance is not required under P. L. 96-511.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Novak

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