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Houston Lighting & Power Company
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Gentlemen:

This acknowledges the granting of a temporary waiver of compliance to South Texas Project, Unit 1, from the provisions of Technical Specification (TS) 3.3.3.1, Table 3.3-6, "Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation for Plant Operations," Functional Unit 1.a, to allow you to exceed the containment atmosphere grab sample time requirement with less than three operable containment atmosphere radioactivity - high monitors. Your letter (ST-HL-AE-3666) to this office, dated January 7, 1991, provides the written basis for the temporary waiver of compliance that you requested.

The request for a temporary waiver of compliance was verbally granted on January 8, 1991, by NPC Region IV, with the concurrence of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. This one time waiver allows the licensee to isolate the Unit 1 containment atmosphere radioactivity - high monitor during the performance of the integrated leak rate test (ILRT) without obtaining and analyzing containment atmosphere grab samples at least once per 24 hours.

Region IV performed an evaluation of your written documentation and found it justified the basis for your request for a temporary waiver of compliance. The staff understands that containment atmosphere grab samples will be taken and analyzed in accordance with the action statement at the start of depressurization of containment after the ILRT. The Region IV staff requests that they be apprised of the ILRT status if it is to last greater than 92 hours.

If your understanding of this matter differs from that expressed above, or if you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
Samuel J. Collins

Samuel J. Collins, Director
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Enclosure:
STP Request for Waiver of Compliance

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