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License Nos. NPF-76  
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Houston Lighting & Power Company  
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE

This acknowledges the granting of a temporary waiver of compliance to South Texas Project, Unit 1, from the provisions of Technical Specification (TS) 3.7.4, "Essential Cooling Water System." This temporary waiver of compliance allows you to exceed the associated Limiting Condition for Operation time requirement with less than three operable essential cooling water (ECW) loops. Your letter (ST-HL-AE-4022) to this office, dated February 27, 1992, 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 February 28, 1992, by NRC Region IV, with the concurrence of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. This one-time waiver allows the licensee to remain in Modes 1, 2, 3, and 4 for up to 240 hours with the Unit 1 ECW Train B inoperable. The temporary waiver of compliance from the provisions of TS 3.7.4 will begin at the time the Unit 1 ECW Train B is declared inoperable.

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 the provisions of TS 3.0.3 will be applicable with less than two ECW loops operable.

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

Sincerely,

A. Bill Beach, Director  
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Enclosure: (see next page)

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