

SUBJECT:

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 2055E-0001

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Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499 License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80 EA 93-222

Mr. Richard Balcom

REVIEW OF REPLY TO DEMAND FOR INFORMATION

This is in reference to your November 15, 1993 letter in which you responded to the NRC's Demand for Information dated September 29, 1993. The Demand for Information required you to provide specific information related to apparent violations of 10 CFR 50.7. A separate Demand for Information was sent to Houston Lighting & Power Company.

Much of your reply relied upon information that was testified to in an ongoing Department of Labor (DOL) hearing. In light of the fact that the matter is being actively considered by a DOL Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), we believe that it is appropriate to await the DOL ALJ's decision before resolving the NRC enforcement issue. The NRC will review the decision of the DOL ALJ along with the evidence developed by the NRC and the information you provided in determining whether a violation of 10 CFR 50.7 occurred.

The NRC will delay placing a copy of this letter, the September 29, 1993 Demand for Information, and your November 15, 1993 reply in the NRC's Public Document Room until the NRC makes a judgement on the need to take any enforcement action. At that time, we intend to release this letter, the Demand and your reply, suitably redacted.

Sincerely,

James Lieberman, Director office of Enforcement

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