

February 19, 1992

Docket Nos. 50-498
and 50-499

Mr. Donald P. Hall
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Dear Mr. Hall:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC BULLETIN 89-01, SUPPLEMENT 2, "FAILURE OF WESTINGHOUSE STEAM GENERATOR TUBE MECHANICAL PLUGS," SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M81661 AND M81662)

On June 28, 1991, NRC Bulletin 89-01, Supplement 2 was issued to all holders of operating licenses or construction permits for pressurized water reactors (PWRs). The bulletin requested that actions similar to those requested in NRC Bulletin 89-01, "Failure of Westinghouse Steam Generator Tube Mechanical Plugs," be extended to include all Westinghouse mechanical plugs fabricated from thermally treated Inconel 600. These actions were necessary to ensure that these plugs would continue to provide adequate assurance for reactor coolant system (RCS) pressure boundary integrity under normal operating, transient, and postulated accident conditions.

By letter dated August 7, 1991 (ST-HL-AE-3833), Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P) responded to Bulletin 89-01, Supplement 2, by providing the information addressed in the Actions Requested portion of that document. We have reviewed the HL&P response and find it to be acceptable. Therefore, we are closing TAC Nos. M81661 and M81662.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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