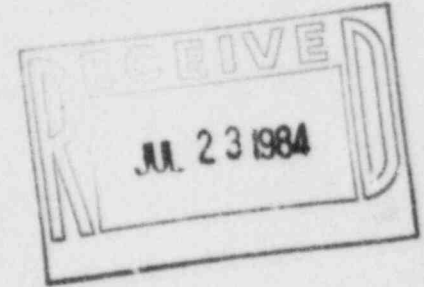


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Dear Mr. Collins:

South Texas Project
Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Response to IE Bulletin 84-02

NRC IE Bulletin No. 84-02, received March 19, 1984, has been reviewed by Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P). HL&P has completed an investigation which determined the extent to which nylon or Lexan-type GE HFA relays are utilized on the South Texas Project (STP). The results of the investigation are as follows:

- i) No GE HFA relays are used in safety-related applications at STP.
- ii) GE HFA relays are planned for use in other than safety-related applications at STP. These relays are being modified to replace the potentially defective coil spools with coil spools made of Tefzel. Since no GE HFA relays are used in safety-related applications, no special administrative controls are required relative to maintenance, storage or handling of spare parts for GE HFA relays at STP.

Vendors of safety-related equipment to STP have been requested to provide information concerning any usage of nylon and/or Lexan in relays used to perform a safety-related function. These vendors have also been asked to confirm that all service advisory letters have been forwarded. Any corrective action to be taken will be based on the vendor responses; however, responses to the request are not yet complete. Resolution of the general concerns of the Bulletin will be provided once vendor input has been received and evaluated. Any required actions will be completed by March 1986.

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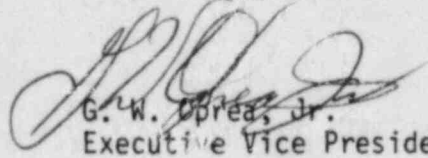
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The estimated staff time spent in performing the requested review and preparing the requested documentation is approximately 115 man-hours.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. M. E. Powell at (713) 993-1328.

Very truly yours,


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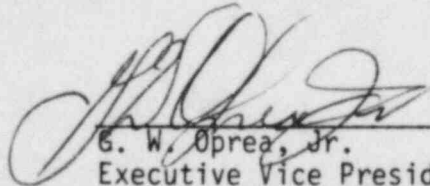
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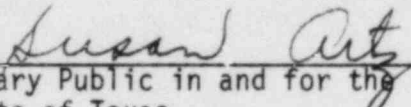
G. W. Oprea, Jr., being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says that he is an Executive Vice President of Houston Lighting & Power Company; that he is duly authorized to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the attached "Response to IE Bulletin 84-02"; that he is familiar with the content thereof; and that the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.


G. W. Oprea, Jr.
Executive Vice President

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas, this 17th day of July, 1984.




Notary Public in and for the
State of Texas

My commission expires:

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