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SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT  
UNITS 1 & 2  
DOCKET NOS. 50-498 AND 50-499  
MEETING WITH NRC MANAGEMENT - SEPTEMBER 13, 1984

Dear Mr Eisenhut:

Confirming our meeting of September 13, 1984, Houston Lighting & Power Company identified to the NRC the importance of timely NRC action in the review of the South Texas Project operating license application. We pointed out that the project is committed to a schedule which, if it were to fail to achieve, could result in severe financial penalty to its owners. These remarks were not intended to solicit any relief from our responsibilities as a licensee but rather to alert the NRC that untimely action by the NRC has the potential for precipitating a major threat to project completion.

Houston Lighting & Power Company presented an overview of the project status and identified for the staff areas where the project is similar to other large Westinghouse PWR's and areas where there was significant difference. In my remarks following that presentation, I finalized HL&P's concerns into three areas:

1. NRC conduct the remainder of the STP reviews consistent with the schedule provided in the latest report to the J.S. Congress; i.e., NRC commit to provide the requisite NRC manpower in order to issue a draft safety evaluation report by May, 1985.
2. NRC identify the individual NRC reviewers by name for the various areas to be reviewed.

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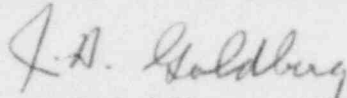
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3. NRC commit to retain the current licensing Project Manager assigned to the South Texas Project through to completion of the NRC review. Stability in the leadership of the licensing review we believe is essential for timely completion of that review.

Since our meeting, we have received commitments from the NRC regarding the timely issuance of a draft SER and the naming of the staff reviewers assigned to review the South Texas Project licensing application. We appreciate these timely commitments.

I sincerely hope Mr Nerses can be retained in his capacity of Licensing Project Manager for the South Texas Project.

Very truly yours,



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