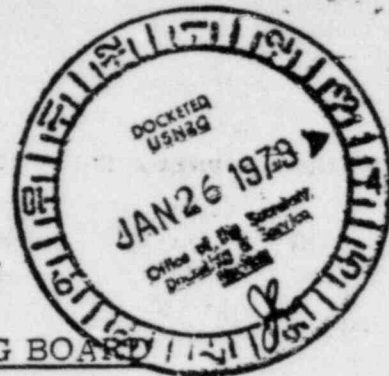


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATOR COMMISSION



BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)
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HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER) Docket Nos. 50-498
COMPANY, ET AL.) 50-499
)
(South Texas Project, Units 1 & 2)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is to confirm that in action taken in September, 1978, by the steering committee of "Austin Citizens for Economical Energy", Mr. David Marke was authorized to speak and/or petition on behalf of ACEE in the above captioned matter.

ACEE, its steering committee and its membership are vitally concerned with the operating safety of the South Texas Project, and are in agreement with the contentions submitted jointly in our behalf in Mr. Marke's supplementary petition of 26 December 78. It is our understanding that an additional copy of that petition as amended is being filed in the name of Austin Citizen's for Economical Energy, and that its intent is that Mr. Marke should continue to represent our interests exclusively but as aided by the services of such experts or consultants as either ACEE or Mr. Marke should require in this proceeding.

This instrument is signed by Mr. Roger Duncan, duly elected Chairman of ACEE, and reflects the previously cited decision of the elected steering committee of ACEE, authorized by the membership to speak for the group. The business address of ACEE is 901 West 24th Street, Austin, Texas 78705, phone (512) 474-9461.

Respectfully Submitted,

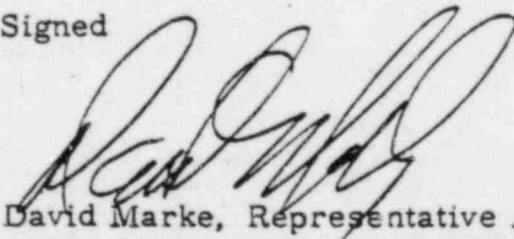

Roger Duncan, Chairman

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Marke asserts that due to the large number of stockholders, i. e. citizens and ratepayers of the Austin Electrical Utility, that their combined potential economic loss due to operation and/or participation in the South Texas Nuclear Project is germane to this proceeding. Indeed it is a fact that the city of Austin's bond rating has fallen significantly in the past two years due solely to Austin's participation in STP. It is indeed true at this very writing that the city has serious questions whether or not the bonds for the next progress payment on STP are saleable due to public consternation over the future of the plant. When the economic liabilities and futures of so large a segment of the involved public are at stake in such a proceeding it seems obligatory that the Commission should consider them.

* ACEE as per the request of the Board has also included letters of authorization from ACEE Chairman Roger Duncan, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cook, site representatives at Wadsworth, Texas. It is noted that Mr. Marke has signed the letter on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Cook; he has power of attorney on file for that purpose, owing to the shortness of time before which this ammendment must be filed. A copy of the original will be enclosed within three days as soon as it is received. (Mr. Cook has employment activities out of town and could be reached only by telephone at this time.) This would seem to have credence in the light of the decision of the Board of Fermi.: (January 2, 1979 LBP79-1). Other members and persons are not listed as there is no requirement in 10 CFR-Energy for such.

Signed



David Marke, Representative ACEE