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In the Matter of
Houston Lighting and Power Company, et al.
 (South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

Dear Mr. Doherty:

Pursuant to your request about limited appearances in Commission proceedings, enclosed please find a copy of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's "Rules of Practice". As you will note, 10 CFR §2.715 grants the licensing board discretion as to the receipt of limited appearance statements. In practice, the presiding officer usually inquires early on the first day of the hearing or the initial prehearing conference in the proceeding whether there are any individuals in attendance who wish to make limited appearance statements. A person making a limited appearance may make an oral or written statement of position on the issues in the proceeding.

At this time, a schedule for holding the hearings in the South Texas proceeding has not been established. However, arrangements have been made for you to receive future Commission notices indicating the time and place for hearings and any future prehearing conferences in this proceeding.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to direct any further inquiries you may have to me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated

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