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Mr. Nunzio J. Palladino Chairman U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Palladino:

On September 13, I was able to spend some time at the meeting on the resumption of the safety review for the operating license being sought by the South Texas Nuclear Project. As you know, the South Texas Nuclear Project is a joint project of Houston Lighting & Power Company, Central Power & Light, the City of San Antonio, and the City of Austin.

From a quick look around the room, I could see Congressional interest and support from Texas Members of Congress. Not only was I there personally, accompanied by my Administrative Assistant, Charles Simpson, I noted the presence of Congressional staff from the offices of Jack Fields, Kent Hance, Jack Hightower, Mickey Leland and Bill Patman. It would appear that we all share the common view that timely completion of the project, including completion of the NRC reviews needed for the issuance of a license, is of great importance to our community.

The assurances by Mr. Darrell Eisenhut, Director of the NRC Division of Licensing, that the NRC will proceed with the reviews in a manner that will result in the issuance of the draft Safety Evaluation Report by May 1985 (a date consistent with the licensing schedule in the current NRC report to Congressman Beville) were heartening. We realize that the commitment of the NRC to apply appropriate manpower to this task is the key to timely completion of the licensing review and appreciate the dedication and cooperative spirit shown by your staff.

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Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the meeting. I look forward to continuing reports of suitable progress in the licensing review of the South Texas Nuclear Project.

Sincerely,

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