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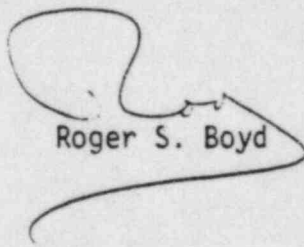
Note to: Buck Basset

CASELOAD FORECAST PANEL REREVIEW OF SOUTH TEXAS

I suggested to Herb Berkow this morning that the South Texas trip be postponed in light of the current travel money situation. Subsequently I received a call from Bill Menger of Houston Power and Light requesting that the upcoming visit be delayed.

It seems that you did such a good job on the last trip that the reassessment task force needs more time to sort out the existing ~~vagueries~~ of their construction schedule. Incidentally, Bill was quite complimentary about the job the Panel did on South Texas.

To give HP&L sufficient time to complete their reassessment I agreed that we would postpone the revisit 2-3 months. Bill assures me that by that time they will have developed useful data for us on South Texas.



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How About That!!!



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NRC PREHEARING CONFERENCE ON SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT SET FOR JANUARY 11 IN HOUSTON

An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has scheduled a prehearing conference January 11 in Houston, Texas, in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing proceeding on the application of Houston Lighting and Power Company and three other owners for licenses to operate Units 1 and 2 of the South Texas Project now under construction near Bay City in Matagorda County, Texas. The other applicants are the City of Austin, Central Power and Light Company, and City of San Antonio.

The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, in the Host International Hotel-Airport, 18700 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston.

Public hearings are not mandatory at the operating license stage of the NRC licensing process for nuclear power plants. However, opportunity for one is provided. In response to an August 2 notice, petitions to intervene in the South Texas proceeding were filed by David Marke of Austin; Citizens Concerned About Nuclear Power, Inc. of San Antonio; and D. Michael McCaughan, member of the Environmental Task Force, KPFT Pacifica Radio Free Houston. The State of Texas requested participation as an interested State.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board was appointed to rule on the petitions to determine whether or not there will be a hearing. Members of the Board are Dr. James C. Lamb, III, and Dr. Emmeth Luebke, technical members, and Charles Bechhoefer, an attorney and Chairman of the Board. Dr. Lamb is associated with the Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Luebke and Mr. Bechhoefer are full time members of the NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

Members of the public are invited to attend the conference. If there is time after completion of consideration of matters related to the formal petitions, the Board will permit members of the public to present oral statements of their views.

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