In Reply Refer To: Dockets: 50-498/85-13 50-499/85-13

Houston Lighting & Power Company ATTN: J. H. Goldberg Group Vice President, Nuclear P. O. Box 1700 Houston, Texas 77001

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. C. E. Johnson and D. L. Garrison of this of ice during the period August 5 - September 27, 1985, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permits CPPR-128 and 129 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, and to the discussion of our findings with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included site tours, licensee action on previous inspection findings, IE Information Notices and IE Bulletins, protective coatings, spent fuel storage racks, reactor vessel internals, post-tensioning system, and pipe supports. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. These findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this violation in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

"Original Signed By: L. E. MARTIN"[#] L. E. Martin, Acting Chief Reactor Projects Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation

2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report 50-498/85-13 50-499/85-13

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