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Houston Lighting & Power Company
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Board Report of the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 (STP), Operating License NPF-71 and Construction Permit CPPR-129, respectively. The SALP Board met on February 12, 1988, to evaluate the performance of the subject facility for the period January 1 through December 31, 1987. The performance analyses and resulting evaluation are documented in the enclosed SALP Board Report.

The performance of your facility was evaluated in the selected functional areas identified in Section IV of the enclosed SALP Board Report. Your overall performance at STP has been satisfactory. The SALP Board noted a high level of performance in the construction areas of Quality Programs and Administrative Controls Affecting Quality; Auxiliary Systems; Containments, Safety-Related Structures, and Major Steel Supports; and Instrumentation. You also corrected the deficiencies identified during the previous SALP period in the area of Emergency Preparedness and your performance in this area is now considered fully satisfactory.

Weaknesses were identified in the areas of Plant Operations and Security which resulted in escalated enforcement actions. The SALP Board noted that you have made substantial improvements to your security program towards the end of this SALP period, thereby correcting the serious weaknesses existing in the program at the outset of the period. In the area of Plant Operations, however, the SALP Board identified indications of declining performance during the period following the issuance of the STP, Unit 1, Low Power License on August 21, 1987. Several personnel errors and programmatic weaknesses surfaced during that period suggesting that additional management involvement was needed. The SALP Board felt a Performance Category 2 was the appropriate rating in part because HL&P is learning from these recent errors and the operations programs are being strengthened as a result. Your corrective actions for the weaknesses in the areas of Plant Operations and Security were reviewed relative to deliberations for granting your full power license and they appear to be satisfactory; however, we are continuing to monitor the implementation of your corrective actions and have augmented our inspection of your operations activities.

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Weaknesses were identified in the areas of Plant Operations and Security which resulted in escalated enforcement actions. The SALP Board debated at length whether Plant Operations should be considered as Performance Category 2 or 3 before deciding that a Performance Category 2 indicating satisfactory overall performance was the appropriate rating. Operational readiness inspections have consistently indicated that HL&P has a strong operations programs. Since the license was issued on August 21, 1987, personnel errors and program weaknesses have surfaced that indicated declining performance. Your corrective actions for these weaknesses were reviewed relative to deliberations for granting your full power license and they appear to be satisfactory. However, we are continuing to monitor the implementation of your corrective actions and we have augmented our inspection of your operations activities.

Any comments you may have regarding our evaluation of the performance of your facility should be submitted to this office within 30 days of issue of the SALP Board Report. Your comments and our disposition of the same will be issued as appendices to the SALP Board Report. A management meeting to discuss our evaluation of the performance of your facility will be scheduled for this

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

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
ROBERT D. MARTIN

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