

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Houston Lighting & Power Company
South Texas Project Electric Generating Station

Docket: 50-499
License: NPF-80

During an NRC inspection conducted on January 8-22, 1996, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions." (60 FR 34381; June 30, 1995), the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification 6.8.1 requires, in part, that written procedures be established, implemented, and maintained covering the applicable procedures recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978. Regulatory Guide 1.33, Appendix A, recommends, in part, that procedures for surveillance tests and control of repair work be established covering emergency core cooling and reactor protection systems.

Procedure 0PSP03-SP-0009B, "SSPS Actuation Train B Slave Relay Test," Revision 5, implements surveillance test requirements. Step 5.6.26 states, in part, "At CP001, verify the following Control Room indications: . . . 'CNTMNT SUMP TO SI SUCT HDR ISOL MOV-0016B' - open."

Procedure 0PGP03-ZE-0004, "Plant Surveillance Program," Revision 15, further implements surveillance test requirements. Step 4.4.6 states, "IF surveillance test results are unsatisfactory or do not meet the acceptance criteria, as specified by the surveillance procedure, THEN the surveillance is considered failed (unsatisfactory) and the Shift Supervisor is notified. Furthermore, IF the test data obtained during the performance of a surveillance test indicates that the acceptance criteria will not be satisfied, THEN the surveillance, once completed, is considered failed (unsatisfactory)."

Contrary to the above, on December 23, 1995, during the conduct of a surveillance on the solid state protection system, the crew failed to declare the surveillance test unsatisfactory after observing that the Safety Injection System Valve MOV-0016B did not open as required to satisfy the acceptance criteria of Step 5.6.26 of Procedure 0PSP03-SP-0009B, Revision 5. The breaker for the valve motor tripped when an open signal was sent to the valve.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I)(499/9612-01).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Houston Lighting & Power Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and

should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because the response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if it is necessary to include such information, it should clearly indicate the specific information that should not be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support the request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Arlington, Texas
this 20th day of February 1996