In Reply Refer To: Dockets: 50-498/88-46 50-499/88-46

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. R. B. Vickrey and R. Evans of this office during the period July 11-15 and 25-29, and August 8-12, 1988, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-76 and Construction Permit CPPR-129 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. T. Westermeier and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included operational safety verification, electrical as-built, electrical components and systems work observations, and record review. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements. As discussed in our telephone conversation of August 30, 1988 with Mr. W. Kinsey of your staff, we have scheduled an enforcement conference in our office at 9:00 a.m. on September 15, 1988, to discuss your understanding of this apparent violation, the reasons for occurrence, and your corrective actions. We will also discuss any potential enforcement options available to the NRC, if appropriate. An agenda for this meeting is enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By L. L. Callan

L. J. Callan, Director Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: (see next page)

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Enclosure: Appendix - NRC Inspection Report 50-498/88-46 50-499/88-46 w/attachments

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