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Gentlemen:

This refers to the Enforcement Conference conducted by telephone conference call on September 30, 1988, with you and other members of your staff, Region IV, and Office of Enforcement personnel. This conference regarded the findings of an NRC Office of Investigations (OI) investigation concerning improper fire watches as documented in NRC Investigation Report No. 4-88-004 dated April 15, 1988, and an apparent violation regarding a failure to include appropriate acceptance criteria in closing out a maintenance work request as documented in NRC Inspection Report 50-498/88-46 dated September 2, 1988.

The subjects discussed at this conference are described in the enclosed Conference Call Summary.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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

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Enclosure:  
Conference Call Summary

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ATTACHMENT

HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER COMPANY

SEPTEMBER 30, 1988

CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

Licensee: Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P)  
Facility: South Texas Project (STP), Unit 1  
License: NPF-76  
Docket: 50-498  
SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE CONCERNING NRC INVESTIGATION AND INSPECTION FINDINGS (INSPECTION REPORT 50-498/88-46 and OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS (OI) INVESTIGATION REPORT 4-88-004)

On September 30, 1988, representatives of HL&P participated in a telephone conference call with NRC Region IV, Office of Enforcement (OE), and NRR personnel to discuss the findings documented in the above captioned reports. The participation list and licensee material forwarded for the conference are attached. The conference was held at the request of NRC, Region IV.

The NRC discussed its concern regarding fire watches as described in NRC OI Investigation Report 4-88-004 and its concern regarding close out of a maintenance work request described in NRC Inspection Report 50-498/88-46. The licensee discussed the fire watch matter and the apparent improper close out of the maintenance work request, including how the items were discovered, their safety significance, and corrective actions taken by the licensee.

After the conclusion of the enforcement conference, HL&P briefed the NRC participants regarding organization changes at STP; status of STP, Unit 2; recent INPO visits; recent plant events, including main turbine trips on August 16, 26, and 28; the bottom mounted instrumentation outage; third party inspections; and City of Austin litigation with HL&P.

Enclosures:

1. Participation List
2. HL&P Material Forwarded for the Conference

ENCLOSURE 1

ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION LIST - REGION IV

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