

South Texas Project Electric Generating Station P.O. Box 289 Wadsworth, Texas 77483

March 29, 1999 NOC-AE-000488 File No.: G02 10CFR50.75

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attention: Document Control Desk Washington, DC 20555-0001

South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Decommissioning Funding Status Report

Pursuant to 10CFR50.75(f), the South Texas Project submits the attached reports on the status of decommissioning funding available for the facility. The reports were prepared by the individual co-owners of the South Texas Project: Reliant Energy, Central Power and Light, City Public Service Board of San Antonio, and the City of Austin. The attached reports provide the following information for each co-owner:

- The amount of decommissioning funds estimated to be required pursuant to 10CFR50.75(b) and (c);
- The amount accumulated to the end of calendar year 1998;
- A schedule of the annual amounts remaining to be collected;
- The assumptions used regarding rates of escalation in decommissioning costs, rates of earnings on decommissioning funds, and rates of other factors used in funding projections;
- · Source of revenues for external sinking fund;
- Contracts upon which the owners rely pursuant to paragraph (e)(1)(v) of 10CFR50.75;
- Modifications to method of decommissioning funding assurance or material changes to trust agreements.

The co-owners did not use the same assumptions in determining the amount of funding expected to be required for decommissioning expenses. Disposal rates for Barnwell, South Carolina, were used by all; however, they were averaged with Hanford rates in the San Antonio and City of Austin results. Although the Hanford disposal rates are lower than those of Barnwell, this is

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acceptable at this time because of the margin of the amount accumulated over the amount required for South Texas Project decommissioning costs.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (512) 972-8085.

Frank H. Mallen

Manager,

Planning & Controls

PLW Attachments:

1) 1999 Decommissioning Funding Status Report - Reliant Energy

2) 1999 Decommissioning Funding Status Report - Central Power and Light

3) 1999 Decommissioning Funding Status Report - City Public Service Board of San Antonio

4) 1999 Decommissioning Funding Status Report - City of Austin

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RELIANT ENELGY, INCORPORATED 30.8% Ownership of South Texas Project Unit-1 NRC Decommissioning Funding Status Report

As provided in 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1), each power reactor licensee is required to report to the NRC on a calendar year basis, beginning on March 31, 1999, and every 2 years thereafter, on the status of its decommissioning funding for each reactor or share of reactor it owns. Please reference the information below and the attachment for the requested information:

1. The minimum decommissioning fund estimate, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c)¹:

Total Required \$96,373,200 Required @ 12/31/98 \$20,837,449

 The amount accumulated at the end of the calendar year preceding the date of the report for items included in 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c):

\$54,285,518

3. A schedule of the annual amounts remaining to be collected for items in 10 CFR50.75 (b) and (c):

Amount remaining \$176,709,206 # of years to collect 28.5

4. The assumptions used regarding escalation in decommissioning cost, rates of earnings on decommissioning funds, and rates of other factors used in funding projections:

Escalation rate 5.52% After-tax/fees earnings rate 6.28%

- Any contracts upon which the licensee is relying pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (e)(1)(ii)(c):

 None
- 6. Any modifications to a licensee's current method providing financial assurance occurring since the last submitted report:
 None
- 7. Any material changes to trust agreements:

The NRC formulas in section 10CFR50.75(c) include only those decommissioning costs incurred by licensees to remove a facility or site safely from service, and reduce residual radioactivity to levels that permit: (1) release of the property for unrestricted use and termination of the license; or (2) release of the property under restricted conditions and termination of the license. The cost of dismantling or demolishing non-radiological systems and structures is not included in the NRC decommissioning cost estimates. The costs of managing and storing spent fuel on site until transfer to DOE are not included in the cost formulas.

RELIANT ENERGY, INCORPORATED 30.8% Ownership of South Texas Project Unit-2 NRC Decommissioning Funding Status Report

As provided in 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1), each power reactor licensee is required to report to the NRC on a calendar year basis, beginning on March 31, 1999, and every 2 years thereafter, on the status of its decommissioning funding for each reactor or share of reactor it owns. Please reference the information below and the attachment for the requested information:

1. The minimum decommissioning fund estimate, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c)¹:

Total Required \$96,373,200 Required @ 12/31/98 \$20,289,095

2. The amount accumulated at the end of the calendar year preceding the date of the report for items included in 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c):

\$69,079,060

3. A schedule of the annual amounts remaining to be collected for items in 10 CFR50.75 (b) and (c):

Amount remaining \$258,854,760 # of years to collect 30

4. The assumptions used regarding escalation in decommissioning cost, rates of earnings on decommissioning funds, and rates of other factors used in funding projections:

> Escalation rate 5.52% After-tax/fee earnings rate 6.28%

- Any contracts upon which the licensee is relying pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (e)(1)(ii)(c):

 None
- Any modifications to a licensee's current method providing financial assurance occurring since the last submitted report:

 None
- 7. Any material changes to trust agreements:

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RELIANT ENERGY, INCORPORATED

NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING VERIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSURANCE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION UNITS 1 & 2

FOR YEAR END 1998

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- A COMPARISON OF ACTUAL BALANCE TO REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 10 CFR 50.75(B) AND (C)
- B AMOUNT OF DECOMMISSIONING FUNDS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO 10 CFR 50.75(B) AND (C)
- C COMPOSITE ESCALATION FACTOR
- D SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL AMOUNTS REMAINING TO BE COLLECTED
- E DECOMMISSIONING COST INFORMATION AND ASSOCIATED RATE ASSUMPTIONS

COMPARISON OF ACTUAL TRUST BALANCES TO NRC REQUIRED BALANCES PURSUANT TO 10 CFR 50.75(B) AND (C) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998

	TRUST BALANCE	NRC REQUIREMENT	SURPLUS / (SHORTFALL)
UNIT ONE	\$54,285,518	\$20 837,449	\$33,448,069
UNIT TWO	\$69,079,060	\$20,289,095	\$48,789,965

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AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998		
UNIT ONE		
QUALIFIED FUND ACCOUNT - LARGE-CAP EQUITY	26,553,037	A-
QUALIFIED FUND ACCOUNT - SMALL-CAP EQUITY	4,162,346	A-2
QUALIFIED FUND ACCOUNT - FIXED INCOME	23,396,727	A-:
NON-QUALIFIED FUND ACCOUNT	173,406	A-
TOTAL	54,285,518	
UNIT TWO		
QUALIFIED FUND ACCOUNT - LARGE-CAP EQUITY	34,713,740	A-
QUALIFIED FUND ACCOUNT - SMALL-CAP EQUITY	5,792,403	A-
QUALIFIED FUND ACCOUNT - FIXED INCOME	28,427,017	A-
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NON-QUALIFIED FUND ACCOUNT		

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	SETTLED TAX COST			16,054,171.50*			

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* TRADED POSITION

HOUSTON LIGHT &POWER-STP 1-9-PHOENIX D&P ACCUANT 092-239

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HOUSTON LIGHT & POWER-QUAL-GLENMEDE-LANS! ACCOUNT 092-700

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	TOTAL RECEIVABLES		361,790.99*		361,790.99*		361,790.99	
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	PURCHASES PENDING SETTLEMENT		222,187.50-		222,187.50-			
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HOUSTON LIGHT & POWER-STP UNIT 1-QUAL ACCOUNT 092-025

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HOUSTON LIGHT & POMER-STP UNITI-MON-GUAL ACCOUNT 092-026

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HOUSTON LIGHT & POWER-STP 2-QUAL-NISA ACCOUNT 092-340

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		SETTLED TAX COST			5,694,158.30*				

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HOUSTON LIGHT & POWER-QUAL-GLENMEDE-UN#2 ACCOUNT 092-701

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150,000 TOTAL FUND			145,899.56*		145,899.56*	7 7,762		
SETTLED TAX COST			144,856.08*					
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HOUSTON LIGHT & POWER-STP UNITZ-NON-QUAL ACCOUNT 092-028

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COMPUTATION OF REQUIRED TRUST BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998

A = OWNERSHIP % = 30.8% B = YEARS ELAPSED FROM CERTIFICATE = 1998 - 1990 = 8 C = TOTAL PERIOD = LICENSE EXPIRATION - CERTIFICATE YEAR UNIT ONE: 2027-1990 = 37 UNIT TWO: 2028-1990 = 38 D = NRC MINIMUM PER UNIT = \$105,000,000 E = COMPOSITE ESCALATION FACTOR = 1.98 (SEE ATTACHMENT C) F = AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES = 0 UNIT ONE REQUIREMENT = 30.8% x 8/37 x \$105.4 x (1+1.98) - 0 REQUIRED TRUST BALANCE UNIT ONE = \$20,837,449

UNIT TWO REQUIREMENT = 30.8% x 8/38 x \$105M x (1+1.98) - 0

REQUIRED TRUST BALANCE UNIT TWO = \$20,289,095

COMPOSITE ESCALATION FACTOR AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998

	GROWTH FACTOR (1)	WEIGHT FACTOR (2)	COMPOSITE GROWTH (3)
LABOR	1.56	0.65	1.01
ENERGY	0.85	0.13	0.11
WASTE BURIAL	8.45	0.22	1.86
ENDING FACTOR			2.98
LESS BEGINNING	FACTOR	_	-1.00
c	OMPOSITE ESCALA		1.98

- (1) LABOR -- ATTACHMENT C-1 ENERGY -- ATTACHMENT C-1 WASTE BURIAL -- SHOWN BELOW
- (2) PER NRC REGULATORY GUIDE 1.159:
 "ASSURING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS"
 (STP = "PWR")
- $(3) = (1) \times (2)$

WASTE BURIAL ESCALAT AS OF DECEMBER 3	FACTOR 1998
SOUTH CAROLINA SITE PWR FACTOR	7.173 ATTACHMENT C-1
# OF YEARS (1/86 - 1/98) ANNUAL GROWTH (12TH ROOT)	1.178
# OF YEARS (1/86 - 1/99) GROWTH (1/86 -1/98) (13TH POWER)	13 8.453

New Reporting Requirements

Pursuant to a new rule of the NRC promulgated in September, 1998, a licensee is required to file a report with the NRC on the stat's of its decommissioning funding by March 31, 1999, and at least once every two years thereafter. See 10 C.F.R. § 50.75(f). Annual reporting is required for a plant that is within five years of the projected end of its operation, or where conditions have changed such that it will close within five years, or already has closed. Id. The information in the report must include (1) the amount of decommissioning funds estimated to be required pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 50.75(b) and (c); (2) the amount accumulated to the end of the calendar year preceding the date of the report; (3) a schedule of the annual amounts remaining to be collected; (4) the assumptions used regarding rates of escalation in decommissioning costs, rates of earnings on decommissioning funds, and rates of other factors used in funding projections; (5) any contract the licensee is relying upon pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 50.75(e)(1)(v) for collections of decommissioning monies from customers; (6) any modifications to the method of providing financial assurance since the last submitted report; and (7) any material changes to the decommissioning trust agreement(s). Id.

1999 Escalation Factors

In anticipation of the March 31, 1999 reporting deadline on the status of decommissioning funding, we have calculated the 1999 escalation factors as follows:

LABOR		ENERG	Y	BURIA	AL.	
Northeast	1.66	PWR	[85]	Washington	PWR	BWR
South	1.56	BWR	63	Direct	3.165	14.403
Midwest	1.39			Waste Vendor	4.538	15.203
West	1 56			South Carolina		
				Direct	15.886	13 948
				Waste Vendor	7 7 173	6.968
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The data supporting the calculation of these escalation factors are attached. In our calculations, we have used the most recently available data (40 '98) from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and from NRC NUREG-1307 (Revision 8).

If you have any questions concerning the NRC minimum financial assurance amount, please call Patricia M. Healy or Martha G. Pugh at 202-508-4000.

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RELIANT ENERGY, INCORPORATED

NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING VERIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSURANCE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION UNITS 1 & 2

FOR YEAR END 1998

Schedule of Annual Amounts Remaining to be Collected:

Year	Unit 1		Unit 2	!	Combined
1999	\$ 6,200,323	\$	8,628,492	\$	14,828,815
2000	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2001	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2002	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2003	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2004	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2005	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2006	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2007	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2008	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2009	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2010	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2011	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2012	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2013	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2014	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2015	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2016	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2017	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2018	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2019	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2020	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2021	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2022	5,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2023	6.200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2024	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2025	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2026	6,200,323		8,628,492		14,828,815
2027	3,100,162		8,628,492		11,728,654
2028		-	8,628,492	************	8,628,492
	\$ 176,709,206	\$	258,854,760	\$	435,563,966

RELIANT ENERGY, INCORPORATED

NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING VERIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSURANCE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION UNITS 1 & 2

FOR YEAR END 1998

DECOMMISSIONING COST INFORMATION AND RATE ASSUMPTIONS

Decommissioning Information:		Unit 1	Unit 2
Expected year of decommissioning	9	2027	2028
Method of decommissioning		DECON	DECON
Financial assurance method		External sinking fund	External sinking fund
Modifications to method of providing assurance since the last submitted	The state of the s	None	None
Contracts being relied upon pursu for collections of decommission from customers		None	None
Material changes to trust agreeme	ents	None	None
Company's share of decommissioning costs (1994 dollars - site specific study)		\$133 million	\$ 185 million
Escalation rate used for decommi	ssioning costs:		
Component	Weight	Rate	Total
Libor	65%	4.22%	2.74%
Energy	13%	3.77%	0.49%
Waste Burial	22%	10.40%	2.29%
		Escalation Rate:	5.52%

Annual contribution to decommissioning costs approved in Texas Public Utility Commission Docket No. 12065 Settlement Agreement:

Unit 1 \$ 6,200,323 Unit 2 \$ 8,628,492

fter-tax rate of re Both units 1 and 2)	turn assumed in c	alculating funding	amount:	
2011 21110 1 2110 21	Pre-Tax	After-Tax	Asset	Weighted After-Tax
	Yield	Yield	Allocation	Return
Treasuries	6.52%	5.22%	20%	1.0432%
Equities	10.00%	8.37%	40%	3.3484%
Municipals	5.61%	5.61%	40%	2.2440% 6.6356%
L	ess fees and exper	nses (after-tax)	Net Investment Return:	-0.3520% 6.2836%

CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY 25.2 % Ownership of South Texas Project Unit-1 NRC Decommissioning Funding Status Report

As provided in 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1), each power reactor licensee is required to report to the NRC on a calendar year basis, beginning on March 31, 1999, and every 2 years thereafter, on the status of its decommissioning funding for each reactor or share of reactor it owns. Please reference the information below for the requested information:

1. The minimum decommissioning fund estimate, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c)¹:

Total Required \$78,983,100 Required on 12/31/98 \$17,077,427

 The amount accumulated at the end of the calendar year preceding the date of the report for items included in 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c):

\$30,866,427

3. A schedule of the annual amounts remaining to be collected for items in 10 CFR50.75 (b) and (c):

Amount remaining \$98,765,967 # of years to collect 29

4. The assumptions used regarding escalation in decommissioning cost, rates of earnings on decommissioning funds, and rates of other factors used in funding projections:

Escalation factor 4.76% After tax/fee earnings 5.6%

(These percentages are based upon CP&L's most recent rate case.)

- 5. Any contracts upon which the licensee is relying pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (e)(1)(ii)(c): None (The source of funds for the external decommissioning fund is cost-of-service regulation.)
- 6. Any modifications to a licensee's current method providing financial assurance occurring since the last submitted report:
 None
- Any material changes to trust agreements:

 None

The NRC formulas in section 10CFR50.75(c) include only those decommissioning costs incurred by licensees to remove a facility or site safely from service, and reduce residual radioactivity to levels that permit: (1) release of the property for unrestricted use and termination of the license; or (2) release of the property under restricted conditions and termination of the license. The cost of dismantling or demolishing non-radiological systems and structures is not included in the NRC decommissioning cost estimates. The costs of managing and storing spent fuel on site until transfer to DOE are not included in the cost formulas.

CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY 25.2 % Ownership of South Texas Project Unit-2 NRC Decommissioning Funding Status Report

As provided in 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1), each power reactor licensee is required to report to the NRC on a calendar year basis, beginning on March 31, 1999, and every 2 years thereafter, on the status of its decommissioning funding for each reactor or share of reactor it owns. Please reference the information below for the requested information:

1. The minimum decommissioning fund estimate, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c)¹:

Total Required \$78,983,100 Required on 12/31/98 \$16,628,021

 The amount accumulated at the end of the calendar year preceding the date of the report for items included in 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c):

\$35,105,946

3. A schedule of the annual amounts remaining to be collected for items in 10 CFR50.75 (b) and (c):

Amount remaining \$138,687,390 # of years to collect 30

4. The assumptions used regarding escalation in decommissioning cost, rates of earnings on decommissioning funds, and rates of other factors used in funding projections:

Escalation factor 4.76% After tax/fee earnings 5.6%

(These percentages are based upon CP&L's most recent rate case.)

- Any contracts upon which the licensee is relying pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (e)(1)(ii)(c): None
 (The source of funds for the external decommissioning fund is cost-of-service regulation.)
- 6. Any modifications to a licensee's current method providing financial assurance occurring since the last submitted report:
 None
- 7. Any material changes to trust agreements:

¹ The NRC formulas in section 10CFR50.75(c) include only those decommissioning costs incurred by licensees to remove a facility or site safely from service, and reduce residual radioactivity to levels that permit: (1) release of the property for unrestricted use and termination of the license; or (2) release of the property under restricted conditions and termination of the license. The cost of dismantling or demolishing non-radiological systems and structures is not included in the NRC decommissioning cost estimates. The costs of managing and storing spent fuel on site until transfer to DOE are not included in the cost formulas.

CITY PUBLIC SERVICE 28.0 % Ownership of South Texas Project Unit-1 NRC Decommissioning Funding Status Report

As provided in 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1), each power reactor licensee is required to report to the NRC on a calendar year basis, beginning on March 31, 1999, and every 2 years thereafter, on the status of its decommissioning funding for each reactor or share of reactor it owns. Please reference the information below for the requested information:

1. The minimum decommissioning fund estimate, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c)¹:

Total Required \$107,310,000 Required @ 12/31/98 \$23,202,162

 The amount accumulated at the end of the calendar year preceding the date of the report for items included in 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c):

\$39,607,613

3. A schedule of 'ne annual amounts remaining to be collected for items in 10 CFR50.75 (b) and (c): (Presented): rrent year dollars.)

Amount remaining \$109,620,000 # of years to collect 29

4. The assumptions used regarding escalation in decommissioning cost, rates of earnings on decommissioning funds, and rates of other factors used in funding projections:

> Escalation rate 5.52% Earning rate assumptions ranged from 4.94% to 8.41%

- 5. Any contracts upon which the licensee is relying pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (e)(1)(ii)(c): None
- Any modifications to a licensee's current method providing financial assurance occurring since the last submitted report:

 None
- Any material changes to trust agreements:

None

The NRC formulas in section 10CFR50.75(c) include only those decommissioning costs incurred by licensees to remove a facility or site safely from service, and reduce residual radioactivity to levels that permit: (1) release of the property for unrestricted use and termination of the license; or (2) release of the property under restricted conditions and termination of the license. The cost of dismantling or demolishing non-radiological systems and structures is not included in the NRC decommissioning cost estimates. The costs of managing and storing spent fuel on site until transfer to DOE are not included in the cost formulas.

CITY PUBLIC SERVICE 28.0 % Ownership of South Texas Project Unit-2 NRC Decommissioning Funding Status Report

As provided in 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1), each power reactor licensee is required to report to the NRC on a calendar year basis, beginning or. March 31, 1999, and every 2 years thereafter, on the status of its decommissioning funding for each reactor or share of reactor it owns. Please reference the information below for the requested information:

1. The minimum decommissioning fund estimate, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c)¹:

Total Required \$107,310,000 Required @ 12/31/98 \$ 22,591,579

The amount accumulated at the end of the calendar year preceding the date of the report for items included in 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c):

\$ 47,460,853

A schedule of the annual amounts remaining to be collected for items in 10 CFR50.75 (b) and (c).
 (Presented in current year dollars.)

Amount remaining \$151,560,000 # of years to collect 30

4. The assumptions used regarding escalation in decommissioning cost, rates of earnings on decommissioning funds, and rates of other factors used in funding projections:

Escalation rate 5.52% Earning rate assumptions ranged from 4.94% to 8.41%

- 5. Any contracts upon which the licensee is relying pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (e)(1)(ii)(c): None
- Any modifications to a licensee's current method providing financial assurance occurring since the last submitted report:

 None
- 7. Any material changes to trust agreements:

The NRC formulas in section 10CFR50.75(c) include only those decommissioning costs incurred by licensees to remove a facility or site safely from service, and reduce residual radioactivity to levels that permit: (1) release of the property for unrestricted use and termination of the license; or (2) release of the property under restricted conditions and termination of the license. The cost of dismantling or demolishing non-radiological systems and structures is not included in the NRC decommissioning cost estimates. The costs of managing and storing spent fuel on site until transfer to DOE are not included in the cost formulas.

CITY OF AUSTIN - AUSTIN ENERGY 16.0 % Ownership of South Texas Project Unit-1 NRC Decommissioning Funding Status Report

As provided in 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1), each power reactor licensee is required to report to the NRC on a calendar year basis, beginning on March 31, 1999, and every 2 years thereafter, on the status of its decommissioning funding for each reactor or share of reactor it owns. Please reference the information below for the requested information:

1. The minimum decommissioning fund estimate, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c)¹:

Total Required \$54,264,000 Required @ 12/31/98 \$11,660,108

 The amount accumulated at the end of the calendar year preceding the date of the report for items included in 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c):

\$22,835,915

3. A schedule of the annual amounts remaining to be collected for items in 10 CFR50.75 (b) and (c):

Amount Remaining \$58,670,918 # of years to collect 28.5

4. The assumptions used regarding escalation in decommissioning cost, rates of earnings on decommissioning funds, and rates of other factors used in funding projections:

Escalation rate 5.17% Earnings rate 6.70%

(Annual contribution to the decommissioning costs approved by the local regulatory authority.)

- 5. Any contracts upon which the licensee is relying pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (e)(1)(ii)(c): None
- 6. Any modifications to a licensee's current method providing financial assurance occurring since the last submitted report:
 None
- Any material changes to trust agreements:

None

The NRC formulas in section 10CFR50.75(c) include only those decommissioning costs incurred by licensees to remove a facility or site safely from service, and reduce residual radioactivity to levels that permit: (1) release of the property for unrestricted use and termination of the license. (2) release of the property under restricted conditions and termination of the license. The cost of dismantiling or demolishing non-radiological systems and structures is not included in the NRC decommissioning cost estimates. The costs of managing and storing spent fuel on site until transfer to DOE are not included in the cost formulas.

CITY OF AUSTIN - AUSTIN ENERGY 16.0 % Ownership of South Texas Project Unit-2 NRC Decommissioning Funding Status Report

As provided in 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1), each power reactor licensee is required to report to the NRC calendar year basis, beginning on March 31, 1999, and every 2 years thereafter, on the status decommissioning funding for each reactor or share of reactor it owns. Please reference the information:

1. The minimum decommissioning fund estimate, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c)1:

Total Required \$54,264,000 Required @ 12/31/98 \$11,353,263

 The amount accumulated at the end of the calendar year preceding the date of the report for items included in 10 CFR 50.75 (b) and (c).

\$25,995,486

3. A schedule of the annual amounts remaining to be collected for items in 10 CFR50.75 (b) and (c):

Amount Remaining \$86,987,746 # of years to collect 30

4. The assumptions used regarding escalation in decommissioning cost, rates of earnings on decommissioning funds, and rates of other factors used in funding projections:

Escalation rate 5.17% Earnings rate 6.70%

(Annual contribution to the decommissioning costs approved by the local regulatory authority.)

- 5. Any contracts upon which the licensee is relying pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75 (e)(1)(ii)(c): None
- Any modifications to a licensee's current method providing financial assurance occurring since the last submitted report:

 None
- Any material changes to trust agreements:

 None

The NRC formulas in section 10CFR50.75(c) include only those decommissioning costs incurred by licensees to remove a facility or site safely from service, and reduce residual radioactivity to levels that permit: (1) release of the property for unrestricted use and termination of the license; or (2) release of the property under restricted conditions and termination of the license. The cost of dismantling or demolishing non-radiological systems and structures is not included in the NRC decommissioning cost estimates. The costs of managing and storing spent fuel on site until transfer to DOE are not included in the cost formulas.