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South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
SER Confirmatory Item 45
Bottom Mounted Instrumentation (BMI) Thimble Vibration

Reference: (1) ST-HL-AE-2161 dated 5/28/87

In response to NRC Staff questions concerning the subject issue, HL&P shall, at the first refueling, inspect a random sample of the BMI thimbles for wear. This inspection is in addition to a sample inspection of the flow limiting devices as previously committed to in the referenced letter. HL&P will submit, after the first refueling, a report to the NRC on the results of these inspections.

HL&P continues to believe that this issue is not a safety concern and requests that SER Confirmatory item 45 be closed.

If you should have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. M. E. Powell at (713) 993-1328.

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