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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2
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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REGARDING SAFETY INJECTION PUMP B AUTO TRANSFER SCHEME

Gentlemen:

Your letter dated January 14, 1988 requested certain additional information about the Automatic Transfer Scheme for Safety Injection Pump B at H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 (HBR2). An extension of the response due date to March 15, 1988 was negotiated with the Project Manager.

During our preparation of the response to this request, several single-failure vulnerability scenarios were identified, resulting in the plant being shutdown. Additional activities included meetings between CP&L and the NRC on February 10 and 16, 1988; submittals by CP&L dated February 12, 24, 26, and March 1, 1988; a confirmation of action letter from the NRC Region II dated February 11, 1988; and an emergency Technical Specification change issued March 7, 1988. The bus automatic transfer logic has subsequently been disconnected and the plant effectively limited to 60% of rated power during the resolution of this issue.

Since the automatic logic has been disconnected, a response to the three questions of the above request would not be meaningful. However, the emergency Technical Specification change (Amendment 115) contains a stipulation that NRC review and approval must be obtained prior to resumption of full power operation, and our February 24, 1988 letter contained a commitment to provide, within 60 days after start up, a detailed plan for longer term action.

Therefore, the questions contained in your request will be addressed as part of the overall resolution of this issue.

Questions regarding this matter may be referred to Mr. Robert Prunty at (919) 831-7318.

Yours very truly,

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