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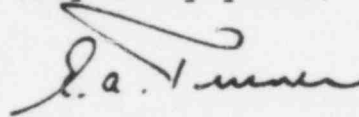
South Texas Project
Units 1 & 2

Dear Mr. Denton:

This letter will serve to confirm my telephone conference of August 29, 1979 with Mr. Steve Varga. I advised him that the owners of the South Texas Project are conducting a schedule and cost evaluation. While the evaluation is not complete, we are presently estimating that South Texas Project Units 1 and 2 will be ready to load fuel in September of 1983 and in September of 1985, respectively. The current estimate of cost for both units is approximately \$2.4 billion.

The cost and schedule evaluation is expected to be completed within about two months. At that time we shall file appropriate updated information on these matters in docket STN 50-498 and STN 50-499.

Very truly yours,



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