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In the Matter of
Houston Lighting and Power Company
(Alabama Creek Nuclear Generating Station)

Docket No. 50-466



REGARDING MOTION BY LOWENSTEIN, ET AL:

The lawfirm of Lowenstein, Newman, Reis, Axelrad & Toll, acting for the Applicant, has petitioned the Board to rule on contentions submitted by petitioners and intervenors. The Board should deny this motion for various reasons, which I shall list.

Lowenstein, et al, states it wants the Board to rule on petitioners' contentions in order to "expedite" the proceedings. However, undue haste may expedite the hearings so much as to cause the Board to commit a reversible error. This would cause more delay in these proceedings, therefore I urge the Board to continue in a steady but un rushed pace, to make sure the public is afforded a full hearing as required by law.

The counsel for the Applicant also states the Board should rule on my contentions and others' without waiting for Staff and Applicant's responses. This seems antagonistic to developing a good public record on ACNGS, and highly contemptuous of the whole proceedings. Lowenstein, et al, should be reminded these procedures are required by law, and this is not a case of just "going through the motions."

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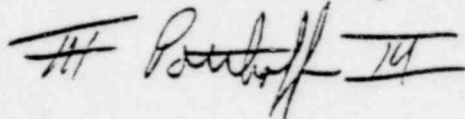
Furthermore, counsel for the Applicant states the Board should rule on contentions since no further amendments have been received before Sept. 14, the date after which the Board has limited amendments. However the Board's Order is in violation of 10 CPH 2.714 (a)(3), which states I have fifteen days before the next regulatory conference to file amendments. I take this

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to mean I can file more amendments to my contentions by Sept. 1, 1979. Therefore counsel for the Applicant is very premature in making this motion.

The Board should deny it.

An American citizen,

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