

# Houston Lighting & Power Company

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Director, Region IV  
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Dear Sir:

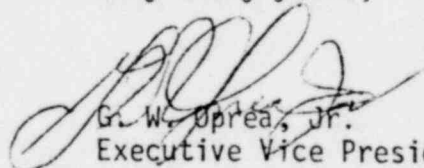
South Texas Project  
Units 1 & 2  
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499  
IE Bulletin No. 79-23

Bulletin No. 79-23, received September 14, 1979, has been reviewed by Houston Lighting & Power Company. Investigation indicates that the Emergency Diesel Generators to be used at the South Texas Project incorporate design details which differ from those of the generators in question. Specifically, the 3-phase transformer supplying the exciter is not grounded; consequently, this equipment will not be subject to the reported failure.

The Emergency Diesel Generators at the South Texas Project will be subjected to a sustained full load operation test during the pre-operational test of each generator. Estimated latest dates for completion of the tests are September, 1983, for Unit 1, and September, 1985, for Unit 2.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

  
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