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Mr. James M. Taylor
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South Texas Project Electric Generating Station
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498; STN 50-499
South Texas Project Operational Readiness Plan

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P) has prepared its Operational Readiness Plan for the South Texas Project units, as described in HL&P's August 5, 1993 letter regarding response to the NRC's Diagnostic Evaluation Report. The Operational Readiness Plan describes: (1) the specific actions being taken prior to the resumption of power operations to improve South Texas Project hardware, programs, and personnel performance; (2) the process and criteria by which HL&P management will assess readiness to resume power operations; and (3) the method that will be utilized during startup and power ascension to assure safe and reliable return to service.

HL&P's goal is not only to resume operations, but to lay the foundation for safe and reliable operation of the South Texas Project units over the long term. Accordingly, the Operational Readiness Plan contains actions to address many of the issues described in the Diagnostic Evaluation Report as well as issues identified in the NRC Confirmation of Action letter of February 5, 1993 and its supplement dated May 7, 1993. Additionally, other issues identified by STP as important to the resumption of power operations are also addressed. It should be noted that several aspects of this plan involve analysis and evaluation of systems, components, trends, etc., and as such will provide feedback into the overall readiness process. Based on that feedback, some scopes and schedules may require adjustment and revision as the process progresses. HL&P will keep the NRC appraised as these issues develop.

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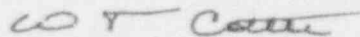
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As noted in our August 5, 1993 letter, issues that require continuing action beyond the time of resumption of power operations will be addressed through the South Texas Project Business Plan. HL&P will provide a status report on both the Operational Readiness Plan and the Business Plan during our next meeting with NRC management on September 8, 1993.

Please call me or Mr. Joe Sheppard at (512) 972-8757 should you wish to discuss these matters further.

Sincerely,



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