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South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498; STN 50-499
Proposed Amendment to Technical Specification 6.5.2.8

Houston Lighting & Power (HL&P) proposes to amend Facility Operating Licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 for STP Units 1 and 2 by incorporating the attached proposed amendment to the Technical Specifications. The purpose of this amendment is to delete the frequencies for QA audits specified in Technical Specification 6.5.2.8. The QA audit frequencies will be maintained in accordance with the QA Audit Plan.

HL&P has reviewed the proposed amendment pursuant to 10CFR50.92 and has determined that it does not involve a significant hazard consideration. In addition, HL&P has determined that the proposed amendment satisfies the criteria of 10CFR51.22(c)(9) for categorical exclusion from the requirement for an environmental assessment. The bases for these determinations are provided in Attachment 2.

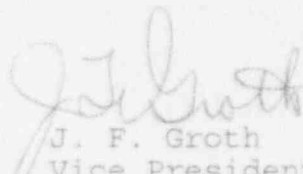
In accordance with 10CFR50.91(b), HL&P is providing the State of Texas with a copy of this proposed amendment.

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- Attachments:
1. Affidavit
 2. Safety Evaluation and No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination
 3. Proposed Amendment to Technical Specification 6.5.2.8

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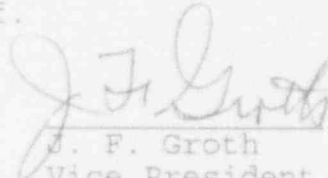
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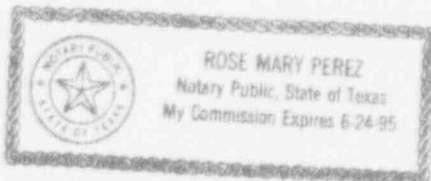
I, J. F. Groth, being duly sworn, hereby depose and say that I am Vice President, Nuclear Generation, of Houston Lighting & Power; that I am duly authorized to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the attached Proposed Amendment to Technical Specification 6.5.2.8; that I am familiar with the content thereof; and that the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

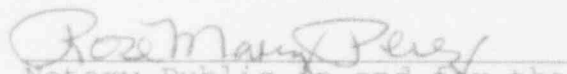

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Vice President,
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STATE OF TEXAS)
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, this 21st day of October, 1993.




Notary Public in and for the
State of Texas

ATTACHMENT 2

Safety Evaluation and No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination for Deleting Frequency Requirements for QA Audits

Background

The NRC published NUREG-1431, "Standard Technical Specifications - Westinghouse Plants," in September 1992. HL&P has been evaluating the NUREG and is beginning to incorporate selected provisions of the new standard Technical Specifications as schedule and operation permit.

Description of Proposed Changes

In accordance with 10CFR50.90 the following changes to the Technical Specifications for STP Units 1 and 2 are being proposed:

1. The frequency of audits of unit activities currently specified in Technical Specification 6.2.5.8a through 6.2.5.8j have been deleted, reflecting the lack of specified audit frequencies in NUREG-1431, Section 5.5.2.3.
2. Minor editorial changes have been made in Technical Specification 6.2.5.8 to reflect the wording of NUREG-1431, Section 5.5.2.3, as applicable.

Safety Evaluation

The proposed amendment to the STP Technical Specification provides consistency with NUREG-1431 and provides an increase in QA program effectiveness. The current Technical Specification specifies performance of audits at maximum intervals and does not permit consideration of demonstrated performance as a basis for reducing audit frequency. Deleting specific frequency requirements will enable management to make decisions based on empirical data/performance history and will enable audit scheduling and resource allocation to cover activities that are in need of coverage at a given time. Audit frequencies will be maintained in accordance with the QA Audit Plan. Thus, this amendment is considered a method of increasing QA program effectiveness.

