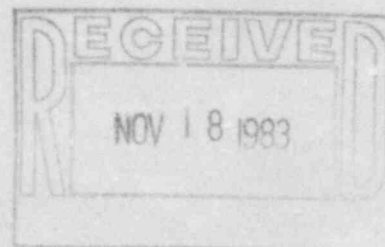


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Dear Mr. Collins:

South Texas Project
Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Interim Response to IE Bulletin 83-06

The information in Bulletin 83-06, "Nonconforming Materials Supplied by Tube-Line Corporation Facilities at Long Island City, New York; Houston, Texas; and Carol Stream, Illinois" has been reviewed by Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P) and our architect-engineer (Bechtel) for applicability to the South Texas Project (STP). To date, we have not identified any Tube-Line material that has been supplied to the SiP for use in safety-related systems. However, our investigation of this matter cannot be completed until we receive responses to our requests for information from several vendors who could have provided Tube-Line material to the project. The status of our investigation is summarized below.

Upon receipt of IE Bulletin 83-06, we reviewed the STP purchasing documents for safety-related pipe fittings and flanges of the type supplied by Tube-Line and identified thirty-five vendors that could have supplied Tube-Line material to the project. Three of these vendors are listed in Table 1 of the Bulletin as Purchasers (Capital Pipe & Steel Products Company, Guyon Alloys, and Gulf Alloy) and three are listed as Receiving Companies (Metal Bellows Company, RECO Industries, and Bingham-Willamette). Each of the thirty-five vendors was then provided with the project's purchase order listings and asked to identify any Tube-Line ASME Code Section III material furnished to the project.

To date, twenty-two of the thirty-five vendors have responded, stating that no Tube-Line ASME Code Section III material for use in safety-related systems had been supplied to the project. Responses have been received from all three vendors listed in the Bulletin as a Purchaser and from all vendors listed as a Receiving Company with the exception of Metal Bellows Company.

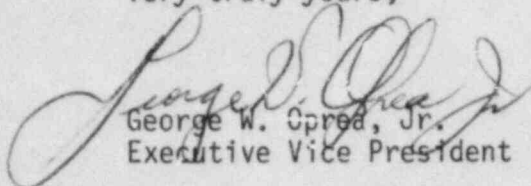
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We will continue our efforts to obtain responses from the remaining vendors. We expect to have responses from all remaining vendors in sufficient time to submit a final response to this Bulletin by April 30, 1984.

If you should have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Michael E. Powell at (713) 993-1328.

Very truly yours,



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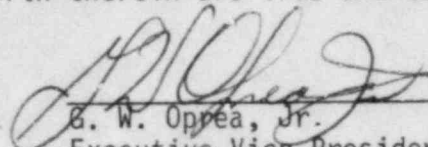
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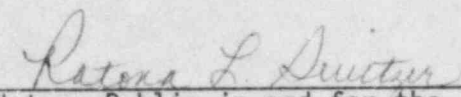
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G. W. Oprea, Jr., being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says that he is an Executive Vice President of Houston Lighting & Power Company; that he is duly authorized to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the attached Response to NRC IE Bulletin 83-06; that he is familiar with the content thereof; and that the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.


G. W. Oprea, Jr.
Executive Vice President

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas this 11th day of November, 1983.


Notary Public in and for the
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My commission expires:

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