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South Texas Project Unit 2
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Change of a Commitment Made to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Houston Lighting & Power (HL&P) submits this letter to inform the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of a change to a commitment made in Inspection Report 95-10 regarding bi-weekly pull tests on turbine driven auxiliary feedwater pumps. This commitment was made verbally to Ms. Linda J. Smith during her special inspection in April 1995, regarding a South Texas Project turbine driven auxiliary feedwater pump overspeed event.

On June 26, 1995, a telephone conference call was held with Ms. Linda J. Smith and Houston Lighting & Power regarding our desire to discontinue the performance of the bi-weekly pull tests. It was explained to Ms. Smith that the pull tests have proven not to provide meaningful trends based upon the following:

- On April 25, 1995, at 0332 the Unit 2 Turbine Driven Auxiliary Feedwater Pump 24 tripped on overspeed due to governor valve stem binding. This was five days after a successful pull test that did not indicate valve stem binding or an adverse trend.
- Subsequent to the April 25th overspeed occurrence, Inconel stems were installed in Unit 1 and Unit 2. Pull tests have since been performed for two and one-half months on Unit 1 and two months on Unit 2.
- Unit 2 pull test results indicated an apparent adverse trend. The apparent adverse trend led to the decision to disassemble and inspect the Unit 2 governor valve for corrosion and excessive wear. Upon disassembly, no corrosion or excessive wear was found. All carbon spacer packing rings were intact and secure. This disassembly resulted in unnecessary intrusive maintenance and equipment downtime.

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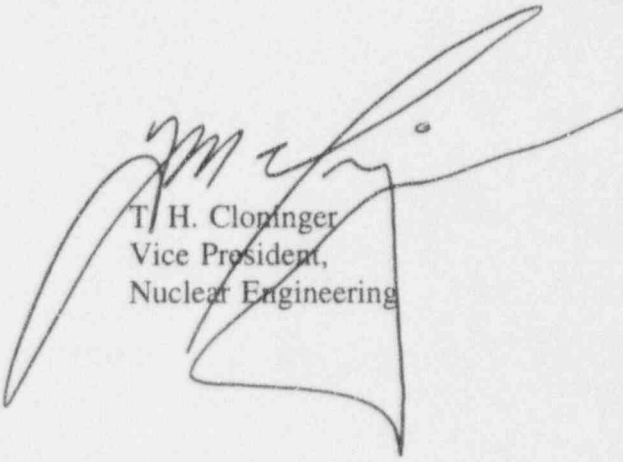
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Upon completion of the discussion, Ms. Smith agreed the tests could be discontinued.

Based on the above, the South Texas Project discontinued the biweekly pull tests on June 26, 1995.

If you should have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. S. M. Head at (512) 972-7136 or me at (512) 972-8787.



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