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South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Proposed Amendment to the
Unit 1 and 2 Technical Specification 6.5.1.2

Pursuant to 10CFR50.90, Houston Lighting & Power (HL&P) hereby proposes to amend its Operating Licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 by incorporating the attached proposed change to Technical Specification 6.5.1.2.

HL&P has reviewed the attached proposed amendment pursuant to 10CFR50.92 and determined that it does not involve a significant hazards consideration. The basis for this determination is provided in the attachments. In addition, based on the information contained in this submittal and the NRC Final Environmental Statement for STPEGS Unit 1 & 2, HL&P has concluded that, pursuant to 10CFR51, there are no significant radiological or non-radiological impacts associated with the proposed action and the proposed license amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the environment. The STPEGS Nuclear Safety Review Board has reviewed and approved the proposed changes. 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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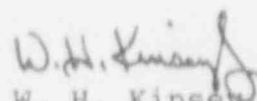
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- Attachments: 1. No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination Evaluation for proposed change to Technical Specification 6.5.1.2.
2. Proposed change to Technical Specification 6.5.1.2.

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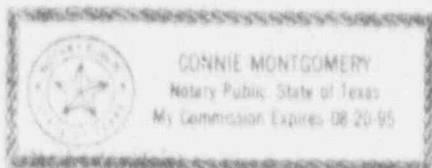
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W. H. Kinsey, Jr. being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says that he is Vice President, Nuclear Generation, of Houston Lighting & Power Company; that he is duly authorized to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the attached proposed changes to the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station Technical Specification 6.5.1.2; 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.

W. H. Kinsey, Jr.
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STATE OF TEXAS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and
for The State of Texas this 18 day of September, 1992.



Notary Public in and for the
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ATTACHMENT 1

NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION EVALUATION
FOR PROPOSED CHANGE TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 6.5.1.2

NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDE CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION EVALUATION
FOR PROPOSED CHANGE TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS 6.5.1.2

Background

Technical Specification 6.5.1.2 requires that the Plant Operations Review Committee (PORC) consist of six members appointed in writing from specific disciplines. These disciplines include Engineering, Operations, Chemistry, Health Physics, Quality Assurance/Control and Maintenance. To avoid future proposed administrative Technical Specification changes, a specified number of members need not be required.

Proposed Change

It is proposed that Technical Specification 6.5.1.2 be revised to change the required PORC composition from "six members" to "at least six members." A mark-up of the proposed Technical Specification is contained in Attachment 2.

Safety Evaluation

The proposed change will allow the Plant Manager to appoint, in writing, the number of PORC members desired from the listed plant disciplines. The proposed change would require at least six members, instead of a specific number. The proposed change will prevent future changes to Technical Specifications regarding the number of PORC members.

The function of PORC to advise the Plant Manager on all matters related to Nuclear safety will not be altered by the proposed change.

Members of the PORC are qualified in accordance with Section 5.5 of ANSI N18.1- 1971 and 10CFR Part 55, and Regulatory Guide 1.8.

No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination

Pursuant to 10CFR50.91 this analysis provides a determination that the proposed change to Technical Specification 6.5.1.2 does not involve significant hazards consideration as defined in 10CFR50.92:

1. The proposed change would not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.
2. The proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident previously evaluated. The proposed amendment is administrative in nature and does not involve any changes to plant design or configuration. For this reason it will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.
3. The proposed change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The proposed change does not involve any changes to plant operating systems or associated safety analyses. For these reasons, the proposed amendment will not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

The Commission has provided guidance concerning the application of standards for determining whether a significant hazards consideration exists. This guidance includes examples (51FR7750) of the type of amendments that are considered not likely to involve significant hazards considerations. The change proposed is similar to the examples of administrative changes identified in 51FR7750.

Based on the reasoning stated above and the previous discussion of the amendment request, HL&P has determined that the requested change does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

Implementation Plan

HL&P requests that the NRC provide at least 15 days between the effective date and the date of implementation to allow for on-site distribution of the change.

Conclusion

The commission has provided a guidance concerning the application of standards for determining whether a significant hazards consideration exists. This guidance includes examples (51FR7750) of the type of amendments that are considered not likely to involve significant hazards considerations. The change proposed is similar to the examples of administrative changes identified in 51FR7750.