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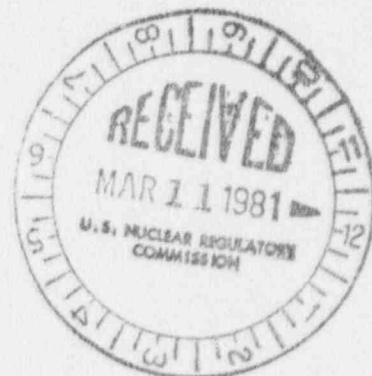
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In the Matter of
Houston Lighting and Power Company, et al.
(South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. 50-498, 50-499



Gentlemen:

In the Board's "Notice of Prehearing Conference" dated February 13, 1981, the parties were invited to submit a proposed agenda, specifying matters they wished to have discussed, for the March 17-18, 1981, prehearing conference. Pursuant to that invitation, the Staff suggests the following matters be included for discussion during the prehearing conference:

1. Various scheduling matters relating to the May hearing should be finalized. Such matters include, but need not be limited to, a schedule for filing prehearing motions or additional discovery requests, as well as, the order of addressing issues at the hearing and the order of presenting testimony.
2. Oral argument on Applicant's "Motion for Extension of Time in which to File Motions to Compel Answers to Interrogatories."
3. Oral argument on CEU's "Request that this Board Consider an Alteration of the Schedule Previously Set Out in the Board Order of December 2, 1980."
4. Discussion of the Board's request made during the November prehearing conference for a legal memorandum on character (i.e., filing dates and elaboration upon the nature of the brief requested). See,

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transcript of the prehearing conference, dated November 19, 1980, page 309.

5. A discussion of how testimony will be acquired from the witnesses identified by the Board during the November prehearing conference (i.e., clarification as to whether they will be Board witnesses or Intervenor witnesses). See, transcript of prehearing conference, dated November 19, 1980, page 340-41.
6. An identification of Staff Exhibits and a discussion relative to the parties' willingness to stipulate such exhibits into evidence after an opportunity to examine said Exhibits.

Lastly, the Staff feels CEU's request that this Board consider an alteration of the schedule previously set out in the Board Order of December 2, 1980, should be discussed first, since the Board's ruling upon this motion will influence the Staff's position on the remaining matters suggested for discussion and resolution.

Sincerely,


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