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South Texas Project
Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Licensing Fees

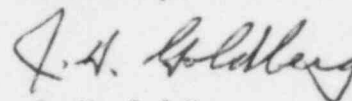
Dear Ms. Norry:

In connection with the licensing fee charged by the Commission for its review of Units 1 and 2 of the South Texas Project up through June 23, 1984, we have examined the accounting data your office provided to us in March 1985. Although we have paid the fee billed by the Commission in order to avoid any potential delays in the continuing review of our application, we find that we require some additional information in order to complete our review and assure ourselves that the licensing fee was calculated correctly. We are particularly interested in being afforded the opportunity to review a breakdown of costs by each review branch. I will plan to call you in the near future to ascertain whether you can provide us this information by mail or whether we should schedule a meeting at which you can explain what type of information can be provided by the NRC.

In addition we have reservations concerning the Commission's retroactive application of the new operating license fee ceiling set forth in 10 CFR § 170.21 to work performed in periods prior to the adoption of the regulation. We understand that similar reservations have been expressed by other applicants. Since this matter is significantly different from the calculation of the charges, we see no need to discuss it at any meeting arranged to provide the information requested above. We will plan to explore the subject with you separately at a later time.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



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