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Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

South Texas Project
Units 1&2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Unlimited Restart for ASME Welding
and Safety-Related Complex Concrete

For this past year the South Texas Project has operated under limited restart programs for safety-related ASME welding and complex concrete. It is felt that the ASME safety-related welding activities and the safety-related complex concrete placements performed to date have been implemented successfully. The successful completion of these activities has also served to demonstrate that the corrective actions committed to in our response to the NRC Order to Show Cause are effective and are being satisfactorily implemented.

Specifically, the ASME welding activities and complex concrete placements performed to date have served to verify that the:

- (1) Management systems and special procedures established to control the ASME safety-related welding and placement of safety-related complex concrete are being implemented.
- (2) The training of personnel is adequate.
- (3) The staffing required to both perform and manage the work is adequate.

The adequacy of corrective action is reflected by the following:

- (1) The repair rate of ASME welding to date is acceptable and within limits experienced by other nuclear projects.
- (2) The ASME welding program of our contractor has recently been approved and implementation verified by an ASME survey team.

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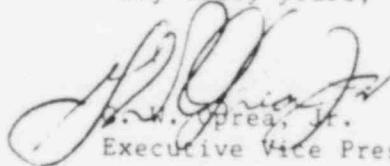
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- (3) Complex concrete placed as part of our restart program has been satisfactory and with minimal difficulty.
- (4) Results of quality assurance inspections of ASME welding and complex concrete placements performed to date have shown that quality requirements have been met. Our understanding of recent NRC inspection results confirm that control of these activities is adequate.

We will be ready to initiate full resumption of ASME safety-related welding and preparations for safety-related complex concrete pours on a regular production basis on October 5, 1981, and to integrate these activities into the normal project construction schedule. In addition, our project construction schedules will be available at the South Texas site for your information. Accordingly, we respectfully request your concurrence with this plan.

Very truly yours,



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