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Place: Houston, Texas

Date: February 12, 1982

I, George Oprea, Executive Vice President, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), hereby make the following voluntary statement to Mr. D. D. Driskill, who has identified himself to me as an investigator and Mr. J. E. Gagliardo, Director, Reactor Projects and Engineering Programs, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I make this statement freely with no threats or promises of reward having been made to me.

In ~~early~~ <sup>mid</sup> 1980, it became apparent to me that Brown & Root, Inc. (B&R) engineering was experiencing problems. This judgment was based on the number of 50.55(e) reports being submitted to NRC containing engineering overtones. When Jerry Goldberg joined HL&P, he expressed the need to have an engineering assessment by a third party. Quadrex was named to perform this assessment in late December 1980 or early January 1981.

During the course of the Quadrex assessment, Jerry Goldberg briefed me periodically regarding the progress of the assessment. I did not attend the Quadrex mid-April interim report meeting or the May 7, 1981 final report meeting. Subsequently to our May 7, 1981 receipt of the Quadrex report, HL&P and B&R conducted detailed reviews to identify items reportable under 50.55(e). Jerry Goldberg called me late on Friday, May 8, 1981, and told me that three reportable items had been identified.

Jerry Goldberg <sup>requested</sup> ~~developed~~ a corrective action plan <sup>from</sup> ~~with~~ Gene Salterelli to resolve the problems identified in the Quadrex report. During a period, mid-June to mid-July 1981, the corrective action plan was ~~completed~~ <sup>submitted to HL&P</sup>.

Jerry Goldberg briefed Don Sells on the Quadrex report during the May 1981 ASLB hearings in Bay City, Texas. Although I did not attend this briefing, I know that Sells was made aware that a copy of the report was available for him to see. I believe it was logical to brief Don Sells because NRR is involved in the design and technical areas for NRC. We also assumed in briefing Sells we were

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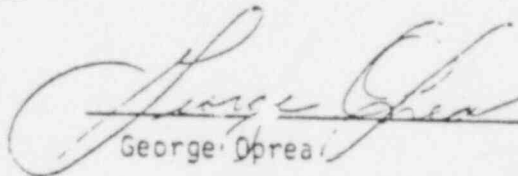
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briefing NRC. There was no intent on our part to withhold information concerning the Quadrex report from NRC, Region IV. In late August 1981, I identified to Mr. Karl Seyfrit that we had received the Quadrex report and would be willing to discuss it with Region IV.

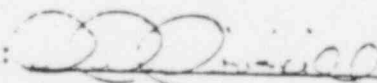
I know that a number of copies of the Quadrex report were maintained by HL&P and B&R and am of the impression that a copy of the report was at STP. In August 1981, Dick Frazar called me and said Richard Herr and Shannon Phillips were looking at STP QA activities and wanted to see the Quadrex report. I told Frazar to let them see the report. I never instructed anyone to withhold the report from NRC. I did want to maintain control of the report and not ~~let it~~ leave the ~~site~~ premises of the Project.

I have read over and understand the foregoing 2-page statement. I certify, under penalty of perjury, that this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on February 12, 1982

  
George Dprea

Executed before me on February 12, 1982 at Houston, Texas

Signature:   
D. D. Driskill, Investigator, NRC

Witness: N/A  
J. E. Gagliardo, Director, Reactor  
Projects and Engineering Programs.