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Mr. G. T. Powell Vice President, Technical Support and Oversight South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 STP Nuclear Operating Company P.O. Box 289 Wadsworth, TX 77483

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF REVIEW OF THE SOUTH TEXAS

PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Powell:

Enclosed is the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's safety and environmental review schedule for the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, license renewal application (LRA). This customized schedule has been established to accommodate a timely review of your application along with all other concurrent reviews of applications for license renewal. Due consideration was also given to your staff's input regarding the units' outage schedules and your ability to accommodate the safety and environmental on-site audits, which resulted in later audit dates than anticipated. The NRC staff will follow established review procedures and the enclosed schedule to complete the reviews required by Parts 54 and 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

We would like to emphasize that the staff will perform a very detailed and thorough review of your LRA. The NRC staff will make every effort to meet the scheduled milestones. To support this effort, your responses to the staff's requests for additional information (RAIs) must be complete and provided in a timely manner. You will be afforded an adequate timeframe to respond to each group of RAIs (typically 30 days). The timeliness of your responses is necessary to maintain the schedule, and delays could result in revisions to the enclosed established schedule. We request that you inform the NRC staff as early as possible should potential delays arise in your support of this schedule.

G. Powell

If you have any questions on the established schedule, please contact Mr. John Daily, Senior Project Manager, for the review of the STP LRA by telephone at 301-415-3873 or by e-mail at John Daily@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

Brian E. Holian, Director Division of License Renewal

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

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# SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW SCHEDULE

Milestone	Schedule
Receive license renewal application (LRA)	10/26/10
Publish Federal Register Notice (FRN) - LRA receipt and availability	12/09/10
Publish FRN - LRA acceptability and opportunity for hearing	01/13/11
Publish FRN – intent to conduct environmental scoping	01/31/11
Public Meeting – license renewal process and environmental scoping	03/02/11
Deadline for filing hearing requests and petitions for intervention	03/14/11
Environmental scoping periods ends	04/01/11
Audit - scoping and screening methodology	05/16/11- 05/20/11
Audit - aging management programs (AMPs)	06/13/11- 06/24/11
Audit - environmental	07/11/11- 07/15/11
Inspection - scoping, screening, and AMPs	08/2011
Issue draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS)	03/2012
Public Meeting - draft SEIS	05/2012
Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open item(s)	06/2012
End of comment period for the draft SEIS	06/2012
ACRS subcommittee meeting on SER with open item(s)	08/2012
Issue final SEIS	10/2012
Issue SER	10/2012
ACRS full committee meeting on SER	12/2012
NRR decision	02/2013
Commission decision (if hearing granted)	TBD

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