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SUBJECT: REVISION OF SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW OF THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT LICENSE RENEWAL
APPLICATION (TAC NOS. ME5122, ME5123, ME4938, AND ME4939)

Dear Mr. Rencurrel:

By letter dated October 25, 2010, STP Nuclear Operating Company (the applicant) submitted an application pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 54 (10 CFR Part 54), to renew operating licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 (STP) for review by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Staff).

While reviewing the information contained in the license renewal application and the associated Environmental Report, the staff identified areas where additional information concerning severe accident mitigation alternatives (SAMA) was needed to complete the review (letters dated May 31, 2011, and September 1, 2011). Due to the complexity of the issues, you required additional time beyond the scheduled response date to respond to the requests and submitted your latest responses on February 16, 2012. Due to our receiving the responses later than initially scheduled, we are updating the review schedule.

Enclosed is a revised schedule for the review of the STP license renewal application. The schedule has been updated to reflect a change in the date for the issuance of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and subsequent environmental milestones. As indicated in the updated schedule, the extension of the environmental review is not expected to adversely impact the schedule for a decision on the STP license renewal.

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If you have any questions on the revised schedule, please contact Tam Tran at 301-415-3617 or by e-mail at tam.tran@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie A. Galloway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "M".

Melanie A. Galloway, Acting Director
Division of License Renewal
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

Enclosure:
As stated

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SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
REVISION OF SCHEDULE

Milestone	Schedule	Actual
Receive license renewal application (LRA)	10/26/10	10/28/10
Publish <i>Federal Register</i> Notice (FRN) - LRA receipt and availability	12/09/10	12/09/10
Publish FRN - LRA acceptability, environmental scoping period, and opportunity for hearing	01/13/11	01/13/11
Publish FRN – intent to conduct environmental scoping	01/31/11	01/31/11
Public Meeting - license renewal process and environmental scoping	03/02/11	03/02/11
Deadline for filing hearing requests and petitions for intervention	03/14/11	03/14/11
Environmental scoping periods ends	04/01/11	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	07/11/11
Inspection – scoping, screening, and AMPs	08/2011	08/07/11
Issue draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS)	06/2012*	
Public Meeting - draft SEIS	07/2012*	
Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open item(s)	06/2012	
End of comment period for the draft SEIS	08/2012*	
ACRS subcommittee meeting on SER with open item(s)	08/2012	
Issue final SEIS	12/2012*	
Issue SER	10/2012	
ACRS full committee meeting on SER	12/2012	
NRR decision	2/2013	

*Revised date for the review of additional Severe Accident Mitigation Alternative information

ENCLOSURE

Letter to G. T. Powell from Melanie A. Galloway dated March 19, 2012

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