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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 (STP), Units 1 and 2, for review by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff). This letter is to inform you about a schedule change in the STP license renewal review.

Related to a recent United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit decision on the NRC waste confidence rule update (10 CFR Part 51.23), additional time is needed to allow the staff to determine the impacts of the decision on the ongoing STP license renewal environmental review. Hence, until the staff completes this determination, the license renewal schedule is to be determined (TBD). The staff will keep you informed of any changes to this development.

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 (i.e., TBD) for the issuance of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and the subsequent environmental review milestones.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B-E Holian".

Brian E. Holian, Director  
Division of License Renewal  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

Enclosure:  
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SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION  
REVISION OF SCHEDULE

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Actual</b>
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)	TBD*	
Public Meeting - draft SEIS	TBD*	
Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open item(s)	09/2012	
End of comment period for the draft SEIS	TBD*	
ACRS subcommittee meeting on SER with open item(s)	11/2012	
Issue final SEIS	TBD*	
Issue SER	02/2013	
ACRS full committee meeting on SER	03/2013	
NRR decision	TBD*	

\* To be determined (TBD)

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