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SUBJECT: REVISION OF SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF REVIEW OF THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (TAC NOS. ME4938, ME4939, ME 5122, AND ME5123)

Dear Mr. Rencurrel:

By letter dated October 25, 2010, STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) 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.

In June 2013, the NRC issued the revised NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants "(GEIS) and the revised NUREG-1555, Supplement 1, "Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants; Environmental Standard Review Plan for Operating License Renewal" (ESRP). The NRC staff requires additional time to review and update the information in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for STP to ensure that the staff's analyses and conclusions are consistent with the revised GEIS and the guidance in the revised ESRP.

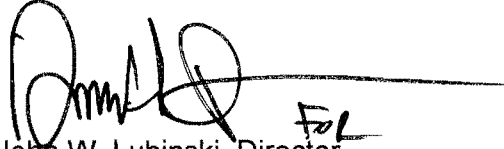
Enclosed is the revised schedule for the environmental review of the STP license renewal application. The schedule has been updated to reflect a change in the date of the issuance of the final SEIS.

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If you have any questions on the revised schedule, please contact Tam Tran, Project Manager for the STP LRA environmental review, by telephone at 301-415-2375 or by e-mail at Tam.Tran@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John W. Lubinski', with a long horizontal line extending to the right. The initials 'JWL' are written in the bottom right corner of the signature.

John W. Lubinski, Director
Division of License Renewal
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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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 petition 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)	12/05/12	12/05/12
Public Meeting - draft SEIS	01/15/13	01/15/13
Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open item(s)	02/15/13	02/15/13*
End of comment period for the draft SEIS	02/22/13	02/22/13
ACRS subcommittee meeting on SER with open item(s)	TBD	
Issue final SEIS	09/2013	
Issue SER	TBD	
ACRS full committee meeting on SER	TBD	
NRR decision	TBD	

*The Safety Review portion of the Schedule is temporarily paused until 2014 at request of the applicant.

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