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September 9, 2016

Mr. G.T. Powell Site Vice President STP Nuclear Operating Company P.O. Box 289 Wadsworth, TX 77483

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

PROJECT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW (TAC NOS. ME4938,

ME4939, ME5122, AND ME5123)

Dear Mr. Powell:

By letter dated October 25, 2010, STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) submitted an application pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (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). This letter is to inform you about a schedule change in the STP license renewal review.

By letter dated September 27, 2012, the NRC staff revised the STP license renewal review schedule for the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) subcommittee meeting, the final Safety Evaluation Report (SER), and the ACRS full committee meeting to "to be determined" (TBD), in part, to further assess the selective leaching of aluminum bronze open item. In January 2016, STPNOC informed the NRC during a public meeting that it was significantly revising the aging management program associated with the selective leaching of aluminum bronze.

Based on the information provided by STPNOC since January 2016, the NRC staff will be issuing a second SER with open items and revising the current STP license renewal review schedule from TBD to provide dates for the second SER with open items, the ACRS subcommittee meeting, final SER, the ACRS full committee meeting, and NRC decision on issuing the renewed licenses.

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Enclosed is the revised schedule for the license renewal review of the STP license renewal application.

If you have any questions on the revised schedule, please contact Lois James by telephone at 301-415-3306 or by e-mail at Lois.James@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Jane E. Marshall, Acting Director Division of License Renewal Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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

| Milestones | Schedule Date | Actual Date |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 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) | 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 |
| Issue second safety evaluation report (SER) with open item(s) | 10/2016 | |
| ACRS subcommittee meeting on SER with open item(s) | 11/2016 | |
| Issue final SER | 12/2016 | |
| Issue final SEIS | 11/2013 | 11/2013 |
| ACRS full committee meeting on SER | 02/2017 | |
| NRR decision | 04/2017 | |

^{*} The safety review portion of the schedule was paused from February 2013 through December 2013 at request of the applicant.

ENCLOSURE