September 3, 2013

Mr. William R. Gideon
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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2
3581 West Entrance Rd
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SUBJECT: MID CYCLE ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT 2 (NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000261/2013006)

Dear Mr. Gideon:

On August 14, 2013, the NRC staff completed its mid-cycle performance review of the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2. The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. This letter informs you of the NRC’s assessment of your facility during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility.

The NRC determined the performance at Robinson Unit 2 during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC’s Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix because all inspection findings had very low (i.e., green) safety significance, and all PIs indicated that your performance was within the nominal, expected range (i.e., green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

Although plant performance was within the Licensee Response Column, the NRC has not yet finalized the significance of the Apparent Violation (AV) 05000261/2013008-01, Failure to Perform Adequate Preventative Maintenance on the Dedicated Shutdown Diesel Generator In accordance with Vendor Guidelines. The final safety significance determination may affect the NRC’s assessment of plant performance and the enclosed inspection plan.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through December 31, 2014. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the last nine months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end of cycle performance review. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes. This inspection plan does not include security related inspections, which will be sent via separate, non-publicly available correspondence.
We also plan on conducting several infrequently performed inspections which include: Initial Operator Licensing Examinations; and 2515/TI-182, Review of Implementation of the Industry Initiative to Control Degradation of Underground Piping, Phase 2.

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Please contact me at 404-997-4645 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

George T. Hopper, Chief
Division of Reactor Projects

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