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Implementation of Revised 10CFR50.59

Reference 1) NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-03, Changes, Tests, and Experiments dated January 23, 2001

The effective date for the revised 10 CFR 50.59 rule was established in a December 13, 2000, *Federal Register* notice (65 FR 77773) as March 13, 2001. As discussed in Reference 1, the NRC has stated that to permit an orderly transition to the revised rule, licensees may implement the rule later than this date. Although an exemption is not necessary, the RIS suggested that a licensee may want to communicate its implementation plan to the NRC. The South Texas Project began a refueling outage on March 6, 2001, and does not want to transition during a refueling outage since this activity already places significant demands on the plant staff and would not be in the best interest of safety. STP Nuclear Operating Company intends to implement the revised requirements of 10 CFR 50.59 on August 1, 2001. Until that time, we will continue to implement our existing 10 CFR 50.59 review processes.

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