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South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Revised Request for Exemption to Exclude Certain Components
From The Scope of Special Treatment Requirements Required by Regulations

South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) personnel met with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Risk-Informed Licensing Panel on April 24, 2001 to address the remaining areas of concern with the subject Exemption Request. At this meeting, the staff offered additional insight into the proposed Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) Section 13.7 language. In addition, the resolution to the remaining areas of concern required input into this FSAR Section before final submittal could occur. Based on a targeted FSAR submittal date of April 30, 2001 in order to grant approval of the Exemption on June 19, 2001, STPNOC has determined that this available timeframe did not adequately permit needed review and concurrence from key stakeholders at the STPNOC Station. Therefore, STPNOC will delay the submittal of the FSAR Section and is cognizant of the impact that this delay will cause to the Exemption approval schedule.

STPNOC will submit the final FSAR Section 13.7 on May 18, 2001 with a letter to follow by May 23, 2001. This additional time will allow STPNOC's key stakeholders (including Expert Panel and Nuclear Safety Review Board) to gain understanding into the final language of FSAR Section 13.7 and its implications. STPNOC understands that this submittal date will result in an Exemption approval delay until August 3, 2001.

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