

June 5, 2001

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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - FACTUAL ERRORS OR
OMISSIONS IN PRELIMINARY SAFETY EVALUATION ON EXEMPTIONS
REQUESTED FROM SPECIAL TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS
(TAC NOS. MA6057 AND MA6058)

Dear Mr. Cottle:

The purpose of this letter is to forward the preliminary safety evaluation (SE) that we have prepared in support of your request for exemption from the special treatment requirements of 10 CFR Parts 21, 50, and 100. We request that you review the enclosed preliminary SE to identify any factual errors or omissions based on your understanding of the resolution of the issues identified during the course our review of your requests. The enclosed preliminary SE has been reviewed and approved by the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. However, the Commission has expressed its interest in being informed of our findings before we grant these exemptions. As such, the enclosed preliminary SE is being reviewed by the Office of the Executive Director for Operations before being forwarded for review by the Commission. Further, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has also taken an active interest in reviewing your exemption requests. Based on these reviews and any Commission direction during or following the July 20, 2001, Commission meeting, changes may be necessary to our SE before it is finalized and we issue the notices granting any of the exemptions you have requested.

You should provide your comments by July 6, 2001. Should you have any questions regarding our request, please contact Mr. John A. Nakoski of my staff at (301) 415-1278.

Sincerely,

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Stuart A. Richards, Director
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Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

Enclosure: As stated

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