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The Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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DOCKET NOS. 50-498 and 50-499

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of STP Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) to withdraw its February 14, 2002, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, respectively, located in Matagorda County, Texas.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications (TSs) pertaining to TS 3.4.2.2, "Reactor Coolant System," to relax the lift setting tolerance of the pressurizer safety valves for ± 2 percent to ± 3 percent.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on April 2, 2002 (67 FR 15628). However, by letter dated December 2, 2002, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated February 14, 2002, and the licensee's letter dated December 2, 2002, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in

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accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21 of January 2003.

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