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Dr. Pao-Tsin Kuo United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2 ROBINSON LICENSE RENEWAL PROJECT MANAGER

Dear Dr. Kuo:

I would like to compliment you on the choice of Mr. S. K. Mitra as Project Manager for the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2, license renewal effort. Mr. Mitra has been very professional. He has worked tirelessly to keep both the NRC and the utility communicating effectively so that the differences could be understood and appropriately addressed. He also did an excellent job of keeping the project on schedule by keeping both parties focused on getting the key task done on time.

In closing, we appreciate the opportunity to work with Mr. Mitra on this project, and his professionalism and efforts have been integral to its completion.

Sincerely

Talmage Clements Manager - License Renewal

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