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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
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South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498 and 50-499
Request for Early Approval of Proposed Exigent Change
to Technical Specification 3/4.7.7

Reference: Letter, T. J. Jordan to NRC Document Control Desk, "Proposed Exigent Change to Technical Specification 3/4.7.7," dated March 18, 2004 (NOC-AE-04001697)

STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) submitted a request for an exigent change to Technical Specification 3/4.7.7 (referenced letter) with the expectation that the NRC would be in a position to approve the request before STP Unit 2 entered Mode 4 during the startup from its current refueling outage. However, we recognize that the 14-day Notice period that started on April 5, 2004 will expire after the entry into Mode 4, which is currently forecast for late on April 18 or early on April 19, 2004. Therefore, STPNOC requests NRC approval of the exigent change by April 16, 2004 in order that the schedule for startup from the outage can be met.

STPNOC will notify the NRC immediately if outage activities impact this request for early approval.

If there are any questions regarding this request, please contact Scott Head at (361) 972-7136 or me at (361) 972-7902.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on April 13, 2004

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