

October 19, 2004

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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - RE: PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF
AN AMENDMENT REQUEST (TAC NOS. MC0823 AND MC0824)

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

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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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David H. Jaffe, Senior Project Manager, Section 1
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Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

Enclosure: As stated

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
STP NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY, ET AL.
SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-498 AND 50-499
NOTICE OF PARTIAL 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 partially withdraw its September 22, 2003 (ML032691396), application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. No. NPF-76 and Facility Operating License No. NPF-80 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, respectively. The facility is located in Matagorda County, Texas.

The proposed amendment would have modified the facility Technical Specifications (TSs) to change the requirements for the Engineered Safety Features sequencer and the Surveillance Requirements that are applicable in Mode 5 and 6 to provide needed clarification. In addition, the proposed amendment would correct a typographical error from requirement "c." in TS 3.2.4 to requirement "b."

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on November 12, 2003 (68 FR 64139). However, by letter dated September 30, 2004 (ML042800236), the licensee withdrew the proposed change except for that part which corrected the typographical error.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated September 22, 2003, and the licensee's letter dated September 30, 2004, which partially 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, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (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 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 19th day of October 2004.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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