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Messrs. Tees and Fusco:

SUBJECT: TEXAS GENCO LLC, AND, TEXAS GENCO LP - REQUEST FOR

WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MC4732, MC4733, MC4917,

AND MC4918)

Dear Gentlemen:

By letter dated February 23, 2005, STP Nuclear Operating Company, acting on behalf of Texas Genco LP, and Texas Genco LLC (previously known as GC Power Acquisition LLC), submitted an affidavit dated February 23, 2005, and an affidavit dated February 22, 2005, respectively. The affidavits requested that the information contained in Attachment 7C (proprietary), to the February 23, 2005 letter, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390.

A nonproprietary copy of this attachment has been placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Public Electronic Reading Room.

The affidavits state that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- This information is and has been held in confidence by the applicants.
- ii. This information is of a type that is customarily held in confidence by the applicants, and there is a rational basis for doing so because the information contains sensitive financial information concerning projected revenues and operating expenses of the applicant.
- iii. This information is being transmitted to the NRC voluntarily and in confidence.

- iv. This information is not available in public sources and could not be gathered readily from other publicly available information.
- v. Public disclosure of this information would create substantial harm to the competitive position of the applicants by disclosing their internal financial projections and proprietary business information.

We have reviewed your applications and the supporting material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the version of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-1439.

Sincerely,

/RA/

David H. Jaffe, Senior Project Manager, Section 1 Project Directorate IV Division of Licensing Project Management Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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