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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2
Docket No. STN 50-498 and STN 50-499
License Amendment Request - Proposed Licensee Name Change

STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) proposes to amend South Texas Project Operating Licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 by changing the name of one licensee, Texas Genco, LP (Texas Genco), to NRG South Texas LP. The proposed change results from the purchase of Texas Genco's parent company by NRG Energy, Inc. as approved by the NRC in January 2006 (ML053630163). The Operating Licenses marked with the proposed name change are attached.

STPNOC has evaluated whether a significant hazards consideration is involved with the proposed administrative license amendment by focusing on the three standards set forth in 10 CFR 50.92. The proposed amendment would only change the name of a licensee. The proposed name change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated. The proposed name change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated. The proposed name change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Therefore, STPNOC concludes that the proposed administrative license amendment involves no significant hazards consideration under the standards set forth in 10 CFR 50.92 and a finding of "no significant hazards consideration" is justified.

There are no commitments in this letter. The Plant Operations Review Committee has recommended this license amendment for approval. STPNOC has notified the State of Texas in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(b).

STPNOC requests approval of the proposed amendment by March 31, 2007. Once approved, the amendment shall be implemented within 30 days.

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If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendment, please contact John Conly at (361) 972-7336 or me at (361) 972-7074.

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

Executed on April 4, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Crenshaw", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. W. Crenshaw
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Attachment: Operating Licenses Marked with Proposed Changes

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Operating Licenses Marked with Proposed Changes

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

NRG SOUTH TEXAS LP

CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF SAN ANTONIO

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

STP NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-498

SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNIT 1

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

License No. NPF-76

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or the NRC) has found that:
 - A. The application for a license filed by STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC)*, acting on behalf of itself and for **NRG South Texas LP**, the City Public Service Board of San Antonio (CPS), and City of Austin, Texas (COA) (the "Owners") complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as of 1954 as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I, and all required notifications to other agencies or bodies have been duly made;
 - B. Construction of the South Texas Project, Unit 1, (the facility) has been substantially completed in conformity with Construction Permit No. CPPR-128 and the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission;
 - C. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission (except as exempted from compliance in Section 2.D. below);
 - D. There is reasonable assurance: (i) that the activities authorized by this operating license can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I (except as exempted from compliance in Section 2.D. below);

* STPNOC is authorized to act for **NRG South Texas LP**, the City Public Service Board of San Antonio, and City of Austin, Texas and has exclusive responsibility and control over the physical construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility.

- E. STPNOC is technically qualified to engage in the activities authorized by this license in accordance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - F. The Owners have satisfied the applicable provisions of 10 CFR Part 140, "Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements," of the Commission's regulations;
 - G. The issuance of this license will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public;
 - H. After weighing the environmental, economic, technical and other benefits of the facility against environmental and other costs and considering available alternatives, the issuance of this Facility Operating License No. NPF-76, subject to the conditions for protection of the environment set forth in the Environmental Protection Plan attached as Appendix B, is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied; and
 - I. The receipt, possession, and use of source, byproduct and special nuclear material as authorized by this license will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70.
2. Based on the foregoing findings, and approval by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission at a meeting on March 21, 1988, the License for Fuel Loading and Low Power Testing, License No. NPF-71 issued on August 21, 1987 is superseded by Facility Operating License NPF-76, hereby issued to STPNOC, **NRG South Texas LP**, City Public Service Board of San Antonio, and City of Austin, Texas (the licensees) to read as follows:
- A. This license applies to the South Texas Project, Unit 1, a pressurized water reactor, and associated equipment (the facility) owned by **NRG South Texas LP**, City Public Service Board of San Antonio, and City of Austin, Texas and operated by STPNOC. The facility is located in Matagorda County, Texas, west of the Colorado River, 8 miles north-northwest of the town of Matagorda and about 89 miles southwest of Houston and is described in the licensees' Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended, and in the licensees' Environmental Report, as supplemented and amended.
 - B. Subject to the conditions and requirements incorporated herein, the Commission hereby licenses:

- (1) STPNOC pursuant to Section 103 of the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, to possess, use and operate the facility at the designated location in Matagorda County, Texas, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license;
 - (2) **NRG South Texas LP**, the City Public Service Board of San Antonio (CPS), and the City of Austin, Texas (COA), pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, to possess the facility at the designated location in Matagorda County, Texas, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license;
 - (3) STPNOC, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 70, to receive, possess and use at any time special nuclear material as reactor fuel, in accordance with the limitations for storage and amounts required for reactor operation, as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended;
 - (4) STPNOC, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70, to receive, possess, and use at any time any byproduct, source and special nuclear material as sealed neutron sources for reactor startup, sealed sources for reactor instrumentation and radiation monitoring equipment calibration, and as fission detectors in amounts as required;
 - (5) STPNOC, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70, to receive, possess, and use in amounts as required any byproduct, source or special nuclear material without restriction to chemical or physical form, for sample analysis or instrument calibration or associated with radioactive apparatus or components; and
 - (6) STPNOC, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70, to possess, but not separate, such byproduct and special nuclear materials as may be produced by the operation of the facility authorized herein.
- C. This license shall be deemed to contain and is subject to the conditions specified in the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I and is subject to all applicable provisions of the Act and to the rules, regulations and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect; and is subject to the additional conditions specified or incorporated below:

(1) Maximum Power Level

STPNOC is authorized to operate the facility at reactor core power levels not in excess of 3,853 megawatts thermal (100% power) in accordance with the conditions specified herein.

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NRG SOUTH TEXAS LP

CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF SAN ANTONIO

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

STP NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-499

SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNIT 2

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

License No. NPF-80

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or the NRC) has found that:
 - A. The application for a license filed by STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC)*, acting on behalf of itself and for **NRG South Texas LP**, the City Public Service Board of San Antonio (CPS), and City of Austin, Texas (COA) (the "Owners") complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I, and all required notifications to other agencies or bodies have been duly made;
 - B. Construction of the South Texas Project, Unit 2, (the facility) has been substantially completed in conformity with Construction Permit No. CPPR-129 and the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission;
 - C. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission (except as exempted from compliance in Section 2.D. below);
 - D. There is reasonable assurance: (i) that the activities authorized by this operating license can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I (except as exempted from compliance in Section 2.D. below);

*STPNOC is authorized to act for **NRG South Texas LP**, the City Public Service Board of San Antonio, City of Austin, Texas and has exclusive responsibility and control over the physical construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility.

- E. STPNOC is technically qualified to engage in the activities authorized by this license in accordance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - F. The Owners have satisfied the applicable provisions of 10 CFR Part 140, "Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements," of the Commission's regulations;
 - G. The issuance of this license will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public;
 - H. After weighing the environmental, economic, technical and other benefits of the facility against environmental and other costs and considering available alternatives, the issuance of this Facility Operating License No. NPF-80, subject to the conditions for protection of the environment set forth in the Environmental Protection Plan attached as Appendix B, is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied; and
 - I. The receipt, possession, and use of source, byproduct and special nuclear material as authorized by this license will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70.
2. Based on the foregoing findings, and approval by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission at a meeting on March 28, 1989, the License for Fuel Loading and Low Power Testing, License No. NPF-78 issued on December, 16 1988 is superseded by Facility Operating License NPF-80, hereby issued to STPNOC, **NRG South Texas LP**, City Public Service Board of San Antonio, and City of Austin, Texas (the licensees) to read as follows:
- A. This license applies to the South Texas Project, Unit 2, a pressurized water reactor, and associated equipment (the facility) owned by **NRG South Texas L.P.**, City Public Service Board of San Antonio, and City of Austin, Texas and operated by STPNOC. The facility is located in Matagorda County, Texas, west of the Colorado River, 8 miles north-northwest of the town of Matagorda and about 89 miles southwest of Houston and is described in the licensees' Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended, and in the licensees' Environmental Report, as supplemented and amended.
 - B. Subject to the conditions and requirements incorporated herein, the Commission hereby licenses:

- (1) STPNOC pursuant to Section 103 of the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, to possess, use and operate the facility at the designated location in Matagorda County, Texas, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license;
 - (2) **NRG South Texas LP**, the City Public Service Board of San Antonio (CPS), and the City of Austin, Texas (COA), pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, to possess the facility at the designated location in Matagorda County, Texas, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license;
 - (3) STPNOC, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 70, to receive, possess and use at any time special nuclear material as reactor fuel, in accordance with the limitations for storage and amounts required for reactor operation, as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended;
 - (4) STPNOC, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70, to receive, possess, and use at any time any byproduct, source and special nuclear material as sealed neutron sources for reactor startup, sealed sources for reactor instrumentation and radiation monitoring equipment calibration, and as fission detectors in amounts as required;
 - (5) STPNOC, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70, to receive, possess, and use in amounts as required any byproduct, source or special nuclear material without restriction to chemical or physical form, for sample analysis or instrument calibration or associated with radioactive apparatus or components; and
 - (6) STPNOC, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70, to possess, but not separate, such byproduct and special nuclear materials as may be produced by the operation of the facility authorized herein.
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(1) Maximum Power Level

STPNOC is authorized to operate the facility at reactor core power levels not in excess of 3853 megawatts thermal (100% power) in accordance with the conditions specified herein.