

April 17, 2008

Mr. Gregory Gibson, Manager
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South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company
P. O. Box 289
Wadsworth, TX 77483

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LETTER NO. 16 RELATED TO
THE SRP SECTION 02.03.04 FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS COMBINED LICENSE
APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Gibson:

By letter dated September 20, 2007, South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) submitted for approval a combined license application pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52. The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is performing a detailed review of this application to enable the staff to reach a conclusion on the safety of the proposed application.

The NRC staff has identified that additional information is needed to continue portions of the review. The staff's request for additional information (RAI) is contained in the enclosure to this letter.

To support the review schedule, you are requested to respond within 45 days of the date of this letter. If changes are needed to the safety analysis report, the staff requests that the RAI response include the proposed wording changes.

Mr. Gregory Gibson

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, you may contact me at 301-415-1146 or Raj.Anand@nrc.gov, or you may contact George Wunder at 301-415-1494 or George.Wunder@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Office of New Reactors

Docket Nos. 52-012
52-013

eRAI Tracking No: 7

Enclosure:
Request for Additional Information

cc: William Mookhoek

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Request for Additional Information

South Texas Project Units 3 and 4
South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co.
Docket No. 52-012 and 52-013
SRP Section: 02.03.02 - Local Meteorology
Application Section: 2.3S.2.4

QUESTIONS

02.03.02-1

Please describe the potential impacts of the main cooling reservoir (MCR) and the reactor service water (RSW) system mechanical draft cooling towers on plant design and operation. For example, please address the effects of local increases in ambient temperature, moisture content, and moisture and salt deposition on electrical transmission lines, electrical equipment (including transformers and switchyard), and heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) intakes.

02.03.02-2

Please describe the assumptions and provide a copy of the input files used to execute the Seasonal/Annual Cooling Tower Impact (SACTI) computer code for estimating the impacts from fogging, icing, and drift deposition from the operation of the reactor service water (RWS) system mechanical draft cooling towers.