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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attention: Document Control Desk One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852

South Texas Project Units 1 and 2 Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499

Request to Defer Part of Proposed Amendment to Technical Specification 3.3.1 Required Action for Inoperable Extended Range Neutron Flux Instrumentation and Technical Specification 3.4.1.4.2 Action c (TAC Nos. MD8003, MD8004)

Reference:

- Letter dated September 25, 2008, from Charles T. Bowman, STPNOC, to the NRC Document Control Desk, "Revision to Proposed Amendment to Technical Specification 3.3.1 Required Action for Inoperable Extended Range Neutron Flux Instrumentation and Technical Specification 3.4.1.4.2 Action c" (NOC-AE-08002351)
- Letter dated January 28, 2008, from Charles T. Bowman, STPNOC, to the NRC Document Control Desk, "Proposed Amendment to Technical Specification 3.3.1 Required Action for Inoperable Extended Range Neutron Flux Instrumentation and Technical Specification 3.4.1.4.2 Action c" (NOC-AE-07002234, ML080350037)

In Reference 1, STP Nuclear Operating Company submitted a revised License Amendment Request (LAR) for approval by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In order to support the STP Unit 2 Fall Outage, this letter requests that the NRC approve proposed ACTION 5.a. to Technical Specification 3.3.1, Functional Unit 7 for the extended range neutron flux instrumentation for the one less than minimum channels operable condition and approve the proposed change to ACTION c. to Technical Specification 3.4.1.4.2. The change to Technical Specification TS 3.4.1.4.2 is an administrative change that does not affect any technical requirements. STPNOC requests that approval of proposed ACTION 5.b. to Technical Specification 3.3.1, Functional Unit 7 for the two less than minimum channels operable condition be deferred until additional information is provided to the staff.

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This change to defer approval of part of the proposed amendment does not affect the determination of no significant hazards provided in the original LAR (Reference 2).

There are no commitments in this submittal.

If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendment, please contact Ken Taplett at (361) 972-8416 or me at (361) 972-7298.

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