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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
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South Texas Project
Units 3 and 4
Docket Nos. 52-012 and 52-013
Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2009-03

References:

1. NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2009-03 Process for Scheduling Acceptance Reviews of New Reactor Licensing Applications After April 2009 and Process for Determining Budget Needs for Fiscal Year 2011, dated February 12, 2009 (ML083260416).
2. Letter, Westinghouse Electric Company to Nuclear Regulatory Commission, LTR-NRC-09-12, "Westinghouse Topical Report Submittals," dated January 12, 2009 (Proprietary).
3. Letter, S. M. Head to Document Control Desk, "Update to the Scheduled Submittal Date for Setpoint Methodology Report," dated January 21, 2009, U7-C-STP-NRC-090003 (ML090230688).

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2009-03 requested information with respect to the number and complexity of licensing requests expected to be submitted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, to assist the NRC staff in determining FY 2011 planning resources and budget needs (Reference 1). Information on construction plans and schedules for fabrication of large components and modules was also requested to be submitted when available. This letter provides South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company's (STPNOC's) response to RIS 2009-03.

A component interface module topical report is scheduled to be submitted in FY 2011 to support STP 3 & 4. The estimated complexity of this submittal is expected to be straightforward.

Although not specifically requested by RIS 2009-03, other topical and technical reports supporting STP 3 & 4 are planned for submittal in FY 2009 and in FY 2010. The schedules for most of these submittals were previously provided, including a number of Westinghouse topical

reports (Reference 2) and an instrument setpoint methodology report (Reference 3). As a result of recent requests by the NRC staff, STPNOC will also submit a separate letter later this month detailing the topical reports that are planned for submittal in FY 2009 and FY 2010 in support of a future fuel amendment for STP 3 & 4.

As a result of participation in the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI's) Construction Inspection Program Task Force, the first of many planned transfers of STP 3 & 4 schedules for inspections, tests, analyses, and acceptance criteria (ITAAC) was provided to NRC Region II Division of Construction Projects on February 13, 2009. Preliminary construction plans including schedules for ITAAC activities and fabrication of modules and large components are being prepared and will be provided when available for submittal.

In response to the aircraft impact assessment final rule, STPNOC intends to submit an amendment to the generic U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) Design Control Document (DCD) for review and approval as part of Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 52, Design Certification Rule for the U.S. ABWR. This is planned to be submitted by April 30, 2009.

There are no commitments in this letter.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please contact me at (361) 972-7206, or Bill Mookhoek at (361) 972-7274.

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

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