

June 5, 2009

Mr. Scott Head
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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 3 AND 4 COMBINED LICENSE
APPLICATION ONLINE REFERENCE PORTAL

Dear Mr.Head:

By letter dated September 20, 2007, South Texas Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) submitted an application pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 52 for a combined license (COL) for South Texas Project (STP), Units 3 and 4. On November 29, 2007 the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a *Federal Register* notice of acceptance for docketing of the application.

To improve the efficiency of the environmental and safety reviews, STP and NRC staff discussed the use of an online reference portal that would allow the NRC and STP staff limited read-only access to the basis documents and other reference materials cited in the South Texas, Units 3 and 4 COL application. The online reference portal will allow the NRC staff to audit basis documents to determine whether the information contained in the documents supports the COL application. The NRC staff will formally request documents to be submitted on the docket which the staff will identify as necessary for its analysis of the COL application or development of the Environmental Impact Statement. Use of the online reference portal is acceptable as long as the following conditions are met by South Texas:

- The online reference portal will be password-protected;
- The online reference portal will disable any printing, saving, or downloading functions;
- The online reference portal will be sufficiently secure to prevent the printing, saving, or downloading of any documents; and

The staff shall be given passwords on a need-to-know basis. Staff given password access to the online reference portal will be informed of the conditions of use of the online reference portal by NRC project managers.

The conditions associated with the online reference portal must be maintained throughout the duration of the STP COL application review process. Please provide written confirmation that STPNOC agrees to the terms and conditions contained in this letter.

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In the interim, should you have any questions, I can be reached at 301-415-1494 or by e-mail at George.Wunder@nrc.gov or you may contact Raj Anand at 301-415-1146 or Raj.Anand@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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