

August 25, 2009

Mr. Scott Head, Manager
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P. O. Box 289
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LETTER NO. 255 RELATED TO
SRP SECTION 7.7 FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT COMBINED LICENSE
APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Head

By letter dated September 20, 2007, STP Nuclear Operating Company (STP) 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 30 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.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, I can be reached at 301-415-4093 or by e-mail at Adrian.Muniz@nrc.gov or you may contact George Wunder at 301-415-1494 or George.Wunder@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 52-012
52-013

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***Approval captured electronically in the electronic RAI system.**

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Request for Additional Information No. 3156 Revision 2

South Texas Project Units 3 and 4
South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co

Docket No. 52-012 and 52-013

SRP Section: 07.07 - Control Systems

Application Section: Part 7 - Departures Report, STD DEP 7.7-18 for TS Bases 3.10.4, LCO

QUESTIONS for Instrumentation, Controls and Electrical Engineering 2 (ESBWR/ABWR Projects)
(ICE2)

07.07-8

The NRC Staff has identified a possible "typo" in the "Description" wording of departure STD DEP 7.7-18. STP 3 & 4 identified departure STD DEP 7.7-18 as involving changes to technical specifications (TS) and thus requiring prior NRC approval. In TS Bases B 3.10.3, "LCO", the departures "STD DEP 7.7-18" and "STD DEP 16.3-24" are listed (above the word "LCO") as the departures that describe the change, but the departure "Description" for "STD DEP 7.7-18" refers to changes in B.3.10.3, "Background" and "Applicable Safety Analysis." There are no changes at all in the "Applicable Safety Analysis" leading to the possibility that "Applicable Safety Analysis" was actually intended to be "LCO." Further the departure "Description" of STD DEP 7.7-18 does not sufficiently identify the change that exist under "LCO" so the NRC Staff can complete the review of STD DEP 7.7-18. Provide a resolution on the concern described above.

Request for Additional Information No. 3157 Revision 2

**South Texas Project Units 3 and 4
South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co
Docket No. 52-012 and 52-013**

SRP Section: 07.07 - Control Systems

Application Section: Part 7 - Departures Report, Section 2.2, STP DEP 7.7-10

QUESTIONS for Instrumentation, Controls and Electrical Engineering 2 (ESBWR/ABWR Projects)
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07.07-9

STP 3 & 4 COLA acknowledges the Departure STP DEP 7.7-10 requires prior NRC approval. In STP DEP 7.7-10, "Control Rod Drive Control System Interfaces," the "Description" describes a change to the TS Bases for Subsection B 3.9.4. However, the "Evaluation Summary" discusses the TS Bases for B 3.4.3. This appears to be a "typo" type error that needs to be corrected. Correct this apparent "typo" error.

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**South Texas Project Units 3 and 4
South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co
Docket No. 52-012 and 52-013**

SRP Section: 07.07 - Control Systems

Application Section: Part 2 - FSAR Tier 2, Subsection 7.7.1.5.1

QUESTIONS for Instrumentation, Controls and Electrical Engineering 2 (ESBWR/ABWR Projects)
(ICE2)

07.07-10

STP 3 & 4 COLA acknowledges the Departure STP DEP 7.7-10 requires prior NRC approval. In STP DEP 7.7-10, "Control Rod Drive Control System Interfaces," the departure "Description" briefly summarizes the changes to Subsection 7.7.1.2.1 of the reference ABWR DCD. However, the departure "Description" does not sufficiently identify all the changes including revisions to allowed operator single and ganged rod movement manual commands, deletion of the description of CRD Control System Withdrawal Cycle, and Insert Cycle interfaces. Further, the departure "Evaluation Summary" does not provide sufficient justification for the NRC staff to complete its review and approval of these significant departure changes. Identify all the changes to Subsection 7.7.1.2.1, parts (1), (2), (3), and (4), and complete the justification in a manner that will allow NRC approval of the departure.