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Policy Analysis Section

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Combined Licenses for South Texas Project Electric Generating Station Units 3 and 4

Mr. Ryan Whited Environmental Projects Branch 2, Branch Chief U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission M/S T7-E30 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. Whited:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has prepared the *Draft Environmental Impact* Statement for Combined Licenses for South Texas Project Electric Generating Station Units 3 and 4 (DEIS). As a cooperating agency on the DEIS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District (Corps) has participated in multi-agency meetings related to the development of the DEIS for this project. Based on the agency's participation in this process, the Corps concurs in release of the DEIS for public comment.

The Corps' participation as a cooperating agency and our recommendation to release the DEIS neither precludes our review under the National Environmental Policy Act nor negates our authority under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

If you have any questions concerning this DEIS, please contact Mr. Jayson M. Hudson at the letterhead address or by telephone at 409-766-3108 or email at jayson.m.hudson@usace.army.mil.

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