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Subject: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM DESCRIPTION FOR THE THIRD 10-YEAR INTERVAL

Mr. Edward D. Halpin
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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - RE: REQUEST FOR RELIEFS FOR THIRD 10-YEAR INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM INTERVAL (TAC NOS. ME3515, ME3516, ME3517, ME3518, ME3519, ME3520, ME3521, AND ME3522)

Dear Mr. Halpin:

By letter dated February 22, 2010 (ADAMS Accession No. ML100640120), STP Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) requested the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff approval of a relief requests PRR-01, PRR-02, PRR-03, and VRR-01 for South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 third 10-year inservice testing (IST) program interval.

The proposed request seeks reliefs to allow use of alternative examinations or test requirements of 2004 Edition of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Operations and Maintenance Code.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of these relief requests. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed relief request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1476.

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