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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT UNITS 3 AND 4 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Bernhart:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) as a cooperating agency have completed the final environmental impact statement (EIS) for combined licenses for South Texas Project Electric Generating Station Units 3 and 4. A copy of the final EIS, NUREG-1937, "Environmental Impact Statement for the Combined Licenses (COLs) for South Texas Project Electric Generating Station Units 3 and 4: Final Report," is included with this letter for your information. Comments received from consulting parties and members of the public on the draft EIS were considered and responses are provided in Appendix E of the final EIS.

A notice of availability of the final EIS is anticipated to be published by the NRC on February 25, 2011 in the *Federal Register*. The EIS is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access Management System (ADAMS) under the accession numbers ML11049A000 and ML11049A001. The EIS can also be accessed online at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1937/.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) concluded NRC's and the Corps' joint consultations pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Endangered Species Act for species under NMFS' purview, by letters dated April 20, 2010 (ML101190379) and January 18, 2011 (ML110190723), respectively.

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