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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. McBurnett:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) as a cooperating agency have completed NUREG-1937, "Environmental Impact Statement for the Combined Licenses (COLs) for South Texas Project Electric Generating Station Units 3 and 4: Final Report". In addition to copies of the final environmental impact statement (EIS), enclosed is a copy of the *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the final EIS is available for review and provides information on where to obtain copies.

As discussed in the final EIS, the NRC staff's recommendation related to the environmental aspects of the proposed action is that the COLs should be issued. This recommendation is based on:

(1) the Environmental Report (ER) submitted by the applicant; (2) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal and local agencies; (3) the NRC and Corps staffs' independent review; (4) the consideration of public comments received during the environmental review; and (5) the assessments summarized in the EIS, including the potential mitigation measures identified in the ER and the EIS.

In addition, in making its recommendation, the NRC staff has concluded that none of the alternative sites is obviously superior to the South Texas Project site.

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A separate Notice of Filing of the final EIS will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Jessie Muir, Environmental Project Manager, by phone at 301-415-0491 or via email at Jessie.Muir@nrc.gov, or Ms. Sarah Lopas at 301-415-1147 or via email at Sarah.Lopas@nrc.gov.

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