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February 28, 2011

Mr. G. T. Powell  
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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF REVIEW OF THE SOUTH TEXAS  
PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Powell:

Enclosed is the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's safety and environmental review schedule for the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, license renewal application (LRA). This customized schedule has been established to accommodate a timely review of your application along with all other concurrent reviews of applications for license renewal. Due consideration was also given to your staff's input regarding the units' outage schedules and your ability to accommodate the safety and environmental on-site audits, which resulted in later audit dates than anticipated. The NRC staff will follow established review procedures and the enclosed schedule to complete the reviews required by Parts 54 and 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

We would like to emphasize that the staff will perform a very detailed and thorough review of your LRA. The NRC staff will make every effort to meet the scheduled milestones. To support this effort, your responses to the staff's requests for additional information (RAIs) must be complete and provided in a timely manner. You will be afforded an adequate timeframe to respond to each group of RAIs (typically 30 days). The timeliness of your responses is necessary to maintain the schedule, and delays could result in revisions to the enclosed established schedule. We request that you inform the NRC staff as early as possible should potential delays arise in your support of this schedule.

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If you have any questions on the established schedule, please contact Mr. John Daily, Senior Project Manager, for the review of the STP LRA by telephone at 301-415-3873 or by e-mail at [John.Daily@nrc.gov](mailto:John.Daily@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B E H", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian E. Holian, Director  
Division of License Renewal  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION  
REVIEW SCHEDULE

| Milestone   | Schedule              |
|---|-----------------------|
| Receive license renewal application (LRA)                                   | 10/26/10              |
| Publish <i>Federal Register</i> Notice (FRN) - LRA receipt and availability | 12/09/10              |
| Publish FRN - LRA acceptability and opportunity for hearing                 | 01/13/11              |
| Publish FRN – intent to conduct environmental scoping                       | 01/31/11              |
| Public Meeting – license renewal process and environmental scoping          | 03/02/11              |
| Deadline for filing hearing requests and petitions for intervention         | 03/14/11              |
| Environmental scoping periods ends  | 04/01/11              |
| Audit - scoping and screening methodology                                   | 05/16/11-<br>05/20/11 |
| Audit - aging management programs (AMPs)                                    | 06/13/11-<br>06/24/11 |
| Audit - environmental   | 07/11/11-<br>07/15/11 |
| Inspection - scoping, screening, and AMPs                                   | 08/2011               |
| Issue draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS)              | 03/2012               |
| Public Meeting - draft SEIS   | 05/2012               |
| Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open item(s)                      | 06/2012               |
| End of comment period for the draft SEIS                                    | 06/2012               |
| ACRS subcommittee meeting on SER with open item(s)                          | 08/2012               |
| Issue final SEIS  | 10/2012               |
| Issue SER   | 10/2012               |
| ACRS full committee meeting on SER  | 12/2012               |
| NRR decision  | 02/2013               |
| Commission decision (if hearing granted)                                    | TBD                   |

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