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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT UNITS 3 AND 4 COMBINED LICENSE  
APPLICATION – ADVANCED SAFETY EVALUATION FOR CHAPTER 13,  
“CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS”

Dear Mr. Head:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is preparing an advanced safety evaluation (SE) for each chapter of the South Texas Project (STP) Units 3 and 4 Combined License Application (COLA) submitted by STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) on September 20, 2007.

The staff's advanced SE for Chapter 13, “Conduct of Operations,” is being provided to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee to support the upcoming meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee, scheduled to be held on March 9, 2011.

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Sincerely,

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