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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT UNITS 3 AND 4 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION – ADVANCED SAFETY EVALUATION FOR CHAPTER 14, "VERIFICATION PROGRAMS"

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 on September 20, 2007.

The staff's advanced SE for Chapter 14, Verification Programs, 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 April 6, 2011.

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Sincerely,

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