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August 9, 2011

Mr. Edward D. Halpin
President and Chief Executive Officer/
Chief Nuclear Officer
STP Nuclear Operating Company
South Texas Project
P. O. Box 289
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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - LICENSE AMENDMENT
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A REVISION TO THE FIRE PROTECTION
PROGRAM RELATED TO THE ALTERNATE SHUTDOWN CAPABILITY –
ACCEPTANCE LETTER (TAC NOS. ME6346 AND ME6347)

Dear Mr. Halpin:

By letter dated June 2, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML11161A143), STP Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) submitted a license amendment request for South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2. The proposed amendment would approve revision to the STP, Units 1 and 2, Fire Protection Program related to the Alternate Shutdown Capability. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff requested supplemental information by letter dated July 22, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML112010150). The licensee provided the requested information by letter dated August 1, 2011. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate

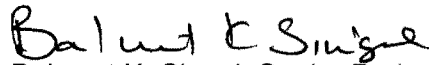
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acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3016 or via e-mail at balwant.singal@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Balwant K. Singal, Senior Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch IV
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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***E-Mail dated 6/14/2011**

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