UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Michael M. Gibson, Chairman Dr. Gary S. Arnold Dr. Randall J. Charbeneau

In the Matter of

NUCLEAR INNOVATION NORTH AMERICA

(South Texas Project Units 3 and 4)

Docket Nos. 52-12-COL and 52-13-COL

ASLBP No. 09-885-08-COL-BD01

October 21, 2011

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

(Scope of Oral Argument on Intervenors' New Fukushima Contention)

At the conclusion of the upcoming evidentiary hearing on Contention DEIS-1-G, the Board will hold oral argument on Intervenors' new Fukushima-related contention.¹ Similar contentions have been filed in a large number of other reactor proceedings, and in the past week two boards (LBP-11-27 and LBP-11-28) have issued admissibility rulings.² The parties are advised to be prepared to address the fundamental differences, if any, that distinguish

¹ 76 Fed. Reg. 61,401, 61,402 (Oct. 4, 2011).

 ² <u>PPL Bell Bend, L.L.C.</u> (Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant), LBP-11-27, 74 NRC (Oct. 18, 2011) (errata Oct. 20, 2011) (ruling collectively for the <u>Bell Bend</u>, <u>Comanche Peak</u>, <u>Vogtle</u>, <u>William States Lee</u>, and <u>Columbia Generating Station</u> proceedings); <u>Nextera Energy Seabrook</u>, <u>LLC</u> (Seabrook Station, Unit 1), LBP-11-28, 74 NRC (Oct. 19, 2011).

proposed Units 3 and 4 at the South Texas site from the facts and law discussed in LBP-11-27 and LBP-11-28.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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Michael M. Gibson, Chairman ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland October 21, 2011

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

NUCLEAR INNOVATION NORTH AMERICA LLC (NINA)

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Docket Nos. 52-012-COL and 52-013-COL

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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