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April 19, 2012

LICENSEE: STP Nuclear Operating Company

FACILITY: South Texas Project

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2012, BETWEEN THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AND STP NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY, REGARDING NRC MANAGEMENT CONCERNS ON OPEN ITEMS, FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (TAC. NOS. ME4936 AND ME4937)

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Enclosure 1 provides a listing of the participants and Enclosure 2 contains a summary of the discussion, including discussion of holding a periodic conference call to facilitate the resolution of items.

The applicant had an opportunity to comment on this summary.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Daily".

John Daily, Senior Project Manager  
Projects Branch 1  
Division of License Renewal  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

Enclosures:  
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TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT  
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS  
February 6, 2012

<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>AFFILIATIONS</b>
John Daily	Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
Dennis Morey	NRC
Arden Aldridge	STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC)
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CONFERENCE CALL WITH STPNOC  
REGARDING NRC MANAGEMENT CONCERNS ON OPEN ITEMS  
STP LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

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The participants indicated that the call was useful in clarifying the questions discussed.

**Discussion:**

The staff and the applicant discussed the following:

The staff explained its management concerns related to having a successful path forward for closure of the open issues currently affecting the STP license renewal "SER with Open Items," which the staff is currently compiling. The staff indicated that the current list stands at 22 open issues, most of which have an associated RAI, and that many of them are related to followup questions reflecting an earlier incomplete response by the applicant. Staff explained that the ACRS subcommittee meeting cannot be held with more than 10 open items. If the list of open items does not get reduced to a more manageable number, then the SER issue date and ACRS Subcommittee meeting would have to be pushed out and rescheduled for later dates.

Staff and the applicant discussed possible methods of expediting response turnaround, and agreed that a weekly status call could be put in place, so that the status of all issues could be tracked in a timely manner, and could be relayed either from the staff to the applicant, or from the applicant to the staff, in order to establish clearer communications regarding what is needed in order to close out particular items.

ENCLOSURE 2

Memorandum to File from J. Daily dated April 19, 2012

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