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SUBJECT: REVISION OF SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW OF THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT LICENSE RENEWAL
APPLICATION (TAC NOS. ME5122, ME5123, ME4938, AND ME4939)

Dear Mr. Rencurrel:

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Enclosed is a revised schedule for the review of the STP license renewal application. The schedule has been updated to reflect a change in the date (i.e., TBD) for the issuance of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and the subsequent environmental review milestones.

If you have any questions on the revised schedule, please contact Tam Tran by telephone at 301-415-3617 or by e-mail at tam.tran@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B-E Holian".

Brian E. Holian, Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

Enclosure:
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SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
REVISION OF SCHEDULE

Milestone	Schedule	Actual
Receive license renewal application (LRA)	10/26/10	10/28/10
Publish <i>Federal Register</i> Notice (FRN) - LRA receipt and availability	12/09/10	12/09/10
Publish FRN -LRA acceptability, environmental scoping period, and opportunity for hearing	01/13/11	01/13/11
Publish FRN -intent to conduct environmental scoping	01/31/11	01/31/11
Public Meeting -license renewal process and environmental scoping	03/02/11	03/02/11
Deadline for filing hearing requests and petitions for intervention	03/14/11	03/14/11
Environmental scoping periods ends	04/01/11	04/01/11
Audit - scoping and screening methodology	05/16/11	05/20/11
Audit - aging management programs (AMPs)	06/13/11	06/24/11
Audit - environmental	07/11/11	07/11/11
Inspection - scoping, screening, and AMPs	08/2011	08/07/11
Issue draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS)	TBD*	
Public Meeting - draft SEIS	TBD*	
Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open item(s)	09/2012	
End of comment period for the draft SEIS	TBD*	
ACRS subcommittee meeting on SER with open item(s)	11/2012	
Issue final SEIS	TBD*	
Issue SER	02/2013	
ACRS full committee meeting on SER	03/2013	
NRR decision	TBD*	

* To be determined (TBD)

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