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In the Matter of Nuclear Innovation North America LLC (South Texas Project, Units 3 & 4) <u>Docket Nos. 52-012 and 52-013</u>

Dear Administrative Judges:

Pursuant to the Initial Scheduling Order of October 20, 2009, the NRC staff is reporting on its proposed schedule for issuing its safety and environmental documents and the projected dates for issuance of ACRS reports on the application. There has been no change since the last report, which was submitted on July 2, 2012. Further, pursuant to the Order (Monthly Status Updates Regarding FOCD Review) of July 18, 2012, the Staff reports that it currently does not have a best estimate projected decision date for its review of foreign ownership, control, and domination (FOCD) issues.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/signed (electronically) by/</u>

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the NRC Staff letter dated July 31, 2012, reporting on the proposed schedule for completing the NRC staff's review, have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange this 31st day of July 2012:

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