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August 30, 2012

Mr. Kevin D. Richards
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SUBJECT:

SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 – RE: CORRECTION LETTER TO

REVISED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 3.7.7, TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

PAGE 3/4 7-16 (TAC NOS. ME6978 AND ME6979)

Dear Mr. Richards:

By letter dated August 14, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Amendment No. 199 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-76 and Amendment No. 187 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-80 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 respectively. The amendments contained changes to the Technical Specification (TS) 3.7.7, "Control Room Makeup and Cleanup Filtration System," in response to your application dated August 23, 2011.

The scanned copy of the document transmitted via e-mail is missing the revision bars on the revised TS page 3/4 7-16 and the corrected page is being re-transmitted. There is no change to the document transmitted previously, except to show the revision bars on the revised TS page 3/4 7-16.

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

Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

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PLANT SYSTEMS

3/4.7.7 CONTROL ROOM MAKEUP AND CLEANUP FILTRATION SYSTEM

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.7.7 Three independent Control Room Makeup and Cleanup Filtration Systems shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY:

MODES 1, 2, 3, and 4:

ACTION:

- a. With one Control Room Makeup and Cleanup Filtration System inoperable for reasons other than condition b or condition e, within 7 days restore the inoperable system to OPERABLE status, or be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.
- b. With one Control Room Makeup and Cleanup Filtration System inoperable only due to unavailability of cooling, within 7 days restore the inoperable system to OPERABLE status or apply the requirements of the CRMP, or be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.
- c. With two Control Room Makeup and Cleanup Filtration Systems inoperable for reasons other than condition e, within 72 hours restore at least two systems to OPERABLE status, or be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.
- d. With three Control Room Makeup and Cleanup Filtration Systems inoperable for reasons other than condition e, within 12 hours restore at least one system to OPERABLE status, or be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.

<u>Note</u>

The Control Room Envelope (CRE) boundary is not a required system, subsystem, train, component, or device that depends on a diesel generator as a source of emergency power. Specification 3.8.1.1.d need not be applied for an inoperable Control Room Makeup and Cleanup Filtration System that is inoperable solely due to an inoperable Control Room Envelope boundary.

- e. One or more Control Room Makeup and Cleanup Filtration Systems inoperable due to inoperable Control Room Envelope (CRE) boundary perform the following:
 - 1) immediately initiate action to implement mitigating actions, and
 - 2) within 24 hours verify mitigating actions ensure CRE occupant exposures to radiological, chemical and smoke hazards will not exceed limits, and
 - 3) within 90 days restore CRE boundary to OPERABLE status.

OR

be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.

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