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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT UNITS 3 AND 4 COMBINED LICENSE
APPLICATION – SAFETY EVALUATION WITH NO OPEN ITEMS FOR
CHAPTER 2.5, “GEOLOGY, SEISMOLOGY, AND GEOTECHNICAL
ENGINEERING”

Dear Mr. Head:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is preparing a Safety Evaluation (SE) report with no open items (OIs) for each chapter of the South Texas Project (STP) Units 3 and 4 Combined License Application (COLA) submitted by STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) on September 20, 2007. On January 24, 2011, Nuclear Innovation North America (NINA) became the primary applicant for the license for these two units.

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