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**SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION - NOTIFICATION
OF NRC RETAKE OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION 05000498/2016301
AND 05000499/2016301**

Dear Mr. Koehl:

In a telephone conversation on December 1, 2015, between Messrs. Stanley Mason, Lead for Initial Licensing Regulator Exams, and Sean Hedger, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of a retake licensing examination at South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, during the week of May 2, 2016.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the retake examination (written examination for two reactor operator and one senior reactor operator upgrade applicants) based on the guidelines in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 10, and NUREG-1122, "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators," Revision 2, Supplement 1. The NRC's regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by February 3, 2016. The written examination and supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 will be due by March 5, 2016. Pursuant to Title 10, Section 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 55.40(b)(3)), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, examinations, and tests before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use. We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. Any delay in receiving the required examinations and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examination, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402. In addition, Appendix E to NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examination is being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary operator license applications (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (if any) (OMB approval number 3150-0090) by March 30, 2016. Signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted by April 20, 2016. If the final signed applications are not received by that date, a postponement may be necessary.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Mason has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mr. Hedger at 817-200-1556 or myself at 817-200-1159.

Sincerely,

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Vincent G. Gaddy, Chief
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