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

Dear Mr. Powell:

By letter dated October 25, 2010, STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) submitted an application pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 54, to renew operating licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 for the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, for review by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). This letter is to inform you about a schedule change in the STP license renewal review.

By letter dated September 27, 2012, the NRC staff revised the STP license renewal review schedule for the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) subcommittee meeting, the final Safety Evaluation Report (SER), and the ACRS full committee meeting to "to be determined" (TBD), in part, to further assess the selective leaching of aluminum bronze open item. In January 2016, STPNOC informed the NRC during a public meeting that it was significantly revising the aging management program associated with the selective leaching of aluminum bronze.

Based on the information provided by STPNOC since January 2016, the NRC staff will be issuing a second SER with open items and revising the current STP license renewal review schedule from TBD to provide dates for the second SER with open items, the ACRS subcommittee meeting, final SER, the ACRS full committee meeting, and NRC decision on issuing the renewed licenses.

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Enclosed is the revised schedule for the license renewal review of the STP license renewal application.

If you have any questions on the revised schedule, please contact Lois James by telephone at 301-415-3306 or by e-mail at Lois.James@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jane E. Marshall, Acting Director
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Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

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SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
UPDATED SAFETY REVIEW SCHEDULE

Milestones	Schedule Date	Actual Date
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)	12/05/12	12/05/12
Public Meeting - draft SEIS	01/15/13	01/15/13
Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open item(s)	02/15/13*	02/15/13*
End of comment period for the draft SEIS	02/22/13	02/22/13
Issue second safety evaluation report (SER) with open item(s)	10/2016	
ACRS subcommittee meeting on SER with open item(s)	11/2016	
Issue final SER	12/2016	
Issue final SEIS	11/2013	11/2013
ACRS full committee meeting on SER	02/2017	
NRR decision	04/2017	

* The safety review portion of the schedule was paused from February 2013 through December 2013 at request of the applicant.

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