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South Texas Project Electric Generating Station
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-493; STN 50-499
South Texas Project Operational Readiness Plan Unit 2

Reference: Correspondence from William T. Cottle (HL&P) to James M. Taylor
(NRC), dated August 28, 1993 (ST-HL-AE-4556)

Correspondence from William T. Cottle (HL&P) to James M. Taylor
(NRC), dated October 15, 1993 (ST-HL-AE-4603)

Dear Mr. Taylor:

As we have discussed in the past, the South Texas Project has developed a phased approach to returning the South Texas units to service and to achieving the long term excellent performance that is our goal. On August 28, 1993, you were provided the Operational Readiness Plan describing actions to be taken prior to returning Unit 1 to service. On October 15, 1993, South Texas submitted its Business Plan which contained the plans and schedules for improvements extending beyond the immediate horizon of returning Unit 1 to service. Finally, you will find attached to this letter, the Operational Readiness Plan for South Texas Project Unit 2.

The Operational Readiness Plan for Unit 2 is a refinement of the process that was utilized for Unit 1. South Texas Project originally contemplated a revision to the original August 28, 1993, Operational Readiness Plan to address Unit 2 issues, but a review of our experience with Unit 1 and the status of several of the issues made it clear that a separate plan for Unit 2 is more appropriate.

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The Unit 2 Plan takes account of the fact that a number of programmatic issues were addressed on site-wide basis prior to the restart of Unit 1 and do not require further or separate action to support restart of Unit 2. These issues include programs such as the Post-Maintenance Testing Program and reduction in the Engineering Backlog. Other issues, while acceptable for returning Unit 1 to service, require further improvement and are discussed in detail in this Plan. An example of such an issue is the ongoing improvement to the Corrective Action Program. Finally, there are some issues which require a specific discussion for Unit 2, such as Operations Staffing, which are included in the Plan. The System Certification Process and the Management Assessment process in the Unit 2 Plan are very similar to the successful programs that were used on Unit 1. In summary, the Unit 2 Operational Readiness Plan is a refinement of our experience from Unit 1 and defines a systematic process for managing the return of Unit 2 to service in a deliberate, conservative and careful manner.

The attached plan has been discussed in concept with your staff and we will be discussing the status of our efforts with NRC personnel during upcoming inspections and public meetings. Should you or your staff have any questions with regard to this plan, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Joe Sheppard (512-972-8757).

Sincerely,



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