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South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Proposed License Amendment to Convert
the South Texas Project Technical Specifications to
the Improved Standard Technical Specifications Format

The South Texas Project proposes to amend its Operating Licenses NPF-76, Unit 1, and NPF-80, Unit 2, to convert the South Texas Project Technical Specifications to the format of the Improved Standard Technical Specifications as described in NUREG 1431, *Standard Technical Specifications, Westinghouse Plants*, Revision 1.

The proposed South Texas Project Improved Technical Specifications and Bases are attached. Accompanying the Technical Specifications and Bases are the annotated Current Technical Specifications, a description of changes, and the No Significant Hazards Considerations Determinations and Environmental Determinations for the changes. Additional information is provided that describes the differences between the South Texas Project Improved Technical Specifications and NUREG 1431 and provides assistance for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff in performing the review.

The proposed Technical Specifications substantially follow NUREG 1431. Departures from the Westinghouse standard specifications have been made where the South Texas Project design differs from the standard plant and where the South Texas Project current licensing basis provides justification for deviation. The proposed Technical Specifications also incorporate new required Completion Times for certain systems based on analyses performed using the South Texas Project Probabilistic Safety Assessment. These new required Completion Times are consistent with the design of the South Texas Project, which incorporates three independent trains of Engineered Safeguards Features. A topical report supporting the revised Required Completion Times is included in the attachments.

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Project Manager on Behalf of the Participants in the South Texas Project

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These proposed Technical Specifications and supporting materials have been developed to address and supersede previous requests for changes to the South Texas Project Technical Specifications, with the exception of the two amendments currently under review by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff and two amendments recently issued to the Unit 1 Operating License.

The two proposed amendments under consideration and which have not been included in this submittal were submitted in the following letters:

- Standby Diesel Generator Special Test Exemption, Ref. ST-HL-AE-5076, dated May 1, 1995, and subsequently modified by ST-HL-AE-5141 dated August 28, 1995, and ST-HL-AE-5269 dated January 8, 1996.
- Steam Generator Tube Repair by Sleeving, Ref. ST-HL-AE-5362, dated May 17, 1996.

The two recently issued amendments which are not reflected in this package were issued as:

- T. W. Alexion to W. T. Cottle, "South Texas Project, Unit 1 - Amendment No. 82 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-76 (TAC No. M94537), dated May 14, 1996.
- T. W. Alexion to W. T. Cottle, "South Texas Project, Unit 1 - Amendment No. 83 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-76 (TAC No. M94535), dated May 22, 1996.

These four changes will be incorporated into the appropriate locations within the submittal, and provided for your review at a later date.

The South Texas Project requests one year from the time of Nuclear Regulatory Commission approval for the time to implement the new Technical Specifications. This time is required to allow the station to prepare the procedure revisions and other administrative tasks necessary for the effective implementation of the Improved Technical Specifications.

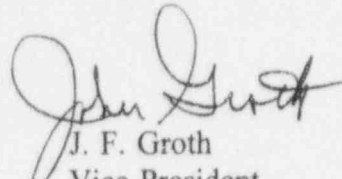
South Texas Project has reviewed the attached proposed amendment pursuant to 10 CFR 50.92 and determined that it does not involve a significant hazards consideration. In addition, South Texas Project has determined that the proposed amendment satisfies the criteria of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9) for categorical exclusion from the requirement for an environmental assessment. The South Texas Project Nuclear Safety Review Board has reviewed and approved the proposed South Texas Project Improved Technical Specifications.

The required affidavit, along with the Safety Evaluations (Discussion of Changes) and No Significant Hazards Consideration determinations associated with the proposed changes, and the marked up Technical Specifications are included as attachments to this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(b), STP is providing the State of Texas with a copy of this proposed amendment.

As requested by your staff, a copy of this submittal is being provided to T. Ryan, Lockheed Idaho Technologies Company.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Mr. Mark McBurnett at (512) 972-7206 or myself at (512) 972-8664


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Attachments:

1. Affidavit
2. Proposed South Texas Project Improved Technical Specification Submittal Packages, each consisting of:
 - A. Proposed South Texas Project Improved Technical Specifications and Bases
 - B. Annotated Current Technical Specifications and Description of Changes
 - C. No Significant Hazards Considerations Determinations and Environmental Determinations
 - D. Deviations from NUREG 1431 and Justifications
3. Application of the Selection Criteria to the South Texas Project Units 1 and 2 Technical Specifications
4. Application of the Probabilistic Safety Assessment to the South Texas Project Improved Technical Specifications

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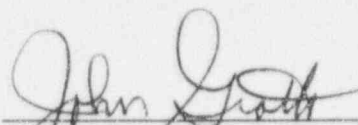
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AFFIDAVIT

I, John F. Groth, being duly sworn, hereby depose and say that I am Vice President, Nuclear Generation, of South Texas Project; that I am duly authorized to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the attached Proposed License Amendment to Convert the South Texas Project Technical Specifications to the Improved Standard Technical Specifications Format; that I am familiar with the content thereof; and that the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



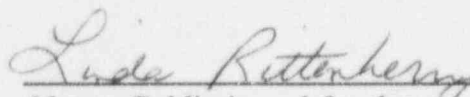
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas,
this 4th day of June, 1996.



Notary Public in and for the
State of Texas