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October 29, 1998

SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF LICENSING ACTION FOR GENERIC LETTER 97-04,  
 "ASSURANCE OF SUFFICIENT NET POSITIVE SUCTION HEAD FOR  
 EMERGENCY CORE COOLING AND CONTAINMENT HEAT REMOVAL  
 PUMPS," DATED OCTOBER 7, 1997; SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1  
 AND 2 (STP) (TAC NOS. MA0045 AND MA0046)

Dear Mr. Cottle:

On October 7, 1997, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 97-04, "Assurance of Sufficient Net Positive Suction Head for Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Heat Removal Pumps," to all holders of operating licenses or construction permits. The NRC issued GL 97-04 to confirm the adequacy of the net positive suction head available for emergency core cooling (including core spray and decay heat removal) and containment heat removal pumps under all design-basis accident scenarios.

In response to GL 97-04, you provided letters dated November 6 and December 30, 1997, for STP. In response to a request for additional information dated June 2, 1998, you submitted letters on August 3 and September 30, 1998. These submittals provided the information requested by GL 97-04. The staff has reviewed your response and has concluded that all requested information has been provided; therefore, we consider GL 97-04 closed for your facilities.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-415-1326.

Sincerely,  
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Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

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