In Reply Refer To: Dockets: 50-498/89-23 50-499/89-23

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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. J. E. Bess, R. J. Evans, J. I. Tapia, D. L. Garrison, and D. M. Hunnicutt of this office and Mr. S. D. Bitter of the Office of Special Projects during the period July 1-31, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating Licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. W. H. Kinsey and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included plant status, onsite followup of plant events, onsite followup of written reports of nonroutine events at power reactor facilities, monthly maintenance observations, monthly surveillance observations, and operational safety verification. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were identified.

We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 4 of the enclosed report.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By: Thomas P. Gwynn

James L. Milhoan, Director Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: (see next page)

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