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June 30, 2021

Mr. G. T. Powell, President and CEO STP Nuclear Operating Company P.O. Box 289 Wadsworth, TX 77483

SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - NRC INITIAL OPERATOR

LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL 05000498/2021301;

05000499/2021301

Dear Mr. Powell:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examination at South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Mr. Bobby Simpson, Operations Training Manager. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examination and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examination in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 11, on July 29, 2021. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the weeks of July 12 and 19, 2021. This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at 817-200-1159.

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Please contact Thomas Farina, chief examiner, at 817-200-1117, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant approved to take the examination.

Sincerely,

Signed by Gepford, Heather on 06/30/21

Heather J. Gepford, Branch Chief Operations Branch Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 05000498 and 05000499 License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80

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