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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - SECOND 10-YEAR INTERVAL
INSERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAM PLAN - RELIEF REQUEST RR-ENG-2-7
(TAC NOS. MA6050 AND MA6051)

Dear Mr. Cottle:

By letter dated July 6, 1999, STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) submitted relief request RR-ENG-2-7 for relief from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code Section XI nondestructive examination requirements of Appendix III, III-3410. STPNOC proposes to use Section XI Code Case N-461-1 with the inclusion of the condition documented in Regulatory Guide 1.147, Rev. 11, for Code Case N-461.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has evaluated the information provided by STPNOC. The staff concludes that STPNOC's proposed alternative to use Section XI Code Case N-461-1, with the condition documented in Regulatory Guide 1.147, Rev. 11, for Code Case N-461, provides an acceptable level of quality and safety. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i), the alternative proposed in relief request RR-ENG-2-7 is authorized for the second 10-year inservice inspection interval of the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2. Our related safety evaluation is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

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