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December 14, 1999 *Fido Center*

SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS
 RE: OPERATOR ACTION FOR SMALL-BREAK LOSS-OF-COOLANT
 ACCIDENT (TAC NOS. MA2498 AND MA2499)

Dear Mr. Cottle:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 119 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-76 and Amendment No. 107 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-80 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, respectively. The amendments consist of changes to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) in response to your application dated July 28, 1998, as supplemented by letters dated May 31 and October 21 (2 letters), 1999, which identified the changes as an unreviewed safety question. The amendments are being issued pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.59(c).

The amendments allow the use of operator action to reduce the steam generator (SG) power-operated relief valve setpoint consistent with the revised small-break loss-of-coolant accident (SBLOCA) analysis for the replacement Delta 94 SGs. The operator action and the associated revised SBLOCA analysis are reflected in your proposed revision to the UFSAR. Since approval of the amendments is based on the operator action and the revised SBLOCA analysis being incorporated into the UFSAR for the replacement SGs, the incorporation is a condition of the amendments and must be completed by the date the UFSAR is updated in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e).

A copy of our related Safety Evaluation is enclosed. The Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's next biweekly *Federal Register* notice.

Sincerely,
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 Thomas W. Alexion, Project Manager, Section 1
 Project Directorate IV & Decommissioning
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Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

- Enclosures: 1. Amendment No. 119 to NPF-76
 2. Amendment No. 107 to NPF-80
 3. Safety Evaluation

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