

February 28, 2000

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SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST
FOR EXEMPTION FROM SEISMIC INSTRUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS
(TAC NOS. MA6128 AND MA6129)

Dear Mr. Cottle:

By letter dated July 13, 1999, you requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) grant an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.34(b)(11), 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix A, General Design Criterion (GDC) 2, and 10 CFR Part 100, Appendix A, Section VI(a)(3) to the extent that they require the maintenance of seismic instrumentation for South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2. By letter dated February 22, 2000, you informed the NRC that you were withdrawing the proposed exemption request. The February 22, 2000, letter informed the NRC of your intention to make a change to STP Units 1 and 2 pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59 to replace the existing seismic instrumentation with seismic instrumentation similar to that described in the July 13, 1999, submittal, and your December 14, 1999, response to the NRC's October 29, 1999, request for additional information. The NRC staff finds replacing the existing instrumentation pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59 reasonable. Therefore, no further actions will be taken by the NRC staff on this exemption request and TAC Nos. MA6128 and MA6129 are closed.

Should you have questions regarding the withdrawal of your exemption request, please contact me at 301-415-1278.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

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