

Meeting Transcripts, Comment Letters, and E-mails

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1 judicial privilege and, frankly, read an offering here
 2 from someone who ranks quite higher than I do. We
 3 have Janet Rizzo here today from Representative Randy
 4 Weber's office, and she's his chief of staff from
 5 Brazoria County. The good representative, of course,
 6 is working very hard for us in Austin today and is not
 7 able to be here with us, so to that end, he's sent a
 8 letter via Ms. Rizzo, who is a bit under the weather,
 9 and she asked if I wouldn't mind reading this into the
 10 record. So I hope you all won't mind if I do that at
 11 this time.

12 It's addressed to Cindy Bladey, and it
 13 reads:

14 "Dear Ms. Bladey:

15 "I am writing to strongly support the
 16 license renewal for an additional 20 years of Units 2
 17 and 2 at the South Texas Project Nuclear Operating
 18 Company in Matagorda County.

19 "STP is the largest employer in Matagorda
 20 County with more than 1,200 employees and for 30 years
 21 has been a key part of the county and local
 22 communities. The company's employees are active in
 23 the local community, serving on school boards,
 24 chambers and in civic and service organizations.

25 "For over 20 years STP's existing units

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1 have supplied safe, clean and reliable energy to more
 2 than 2 million Texas homes while also providing
 3 permanent, well-paying jobs. The facility is a
 4 recognized industry leader in production, reliability
 5 and safety, as well as being focused and committed to
 6 the safety of its employees and the surrounding
 7 communities.

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8 "I believe nuclear energy plays an
 9 important role in the long-term energy future of
 10 Texas. There is a growing recognition of nuclear
 11 energy's environmental benefits and its role in
 12 providing much-needed generating capacity in our state
 13 for many years to come.

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14 "I strongly support the license renewal
 15 for Unites 1 and 2 at STP and urge the Nuclear
 16 Regulatory Commission's favorable consideration.

17 "Please know that I and my staff stand
 18 ready to assist in any way possible.

19 "Sincerely, Randy K. Weber, State
 20 Representative, District 29, State of Texas."

21 I'd like to tender this for Representative
 22 Weber, and thank you for allowing me to speak on his
 23 behalf.

24 I would like to, if I could, segue right
 25 into my remarks and I'll try to wrap them up so I stay

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1 within the five-minute rule.

2 First off, I want to thank the Nuclear
3 Regulatory Commission for hosting this gathering for
4 us today. As you all know, and I support as a member
5 of the judiciary, this is a very, very important venue
6 that we're engaged in today, the right to free speech
7 and the right to be heard, and I thank you all for
8 protecting that and enabling it. So let me just go on
9 record as being a big fan of the Nuclear Regulatory
10 Commission and your good works. Thank you for that.

11 With regards to Units 1 and 2, the culture
12 of excellence that these gentlemen and women have
13 brought forth here at STP Nuclear Operating Company is
14 unparalleled in America, it's well recognized in the
15 industry but also outside the industry now. And we
16 have an opportunity today here, ladies and gentlemen,
17 to move this agenda forward for another 20 years.
18 It's to the benefit of Matagorda County, the State of
19 Texas and all the nation to have folks that do
20 business in this manner continue to do business for
21 just as long as they're viable and willing to do that
22 type of business.

23 And they've shown in over 20 years of
24 operation now their commitment to excellence and in
25 doing the right thing for the right reasons. They've

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1 place safety above profit, they've gone down that path
2 many, many times, and they continue on that path every
3 day. That's the way they conduct themselves. And I
4 can tell you, as the county's top official, it's very,
5 very gratifying to have a company such as this who
6 does place safety of its employees and its citizenry
7 over profits. That's a very, very rare thing in the
8 corporate world, ladies and gentlemen, but it goes on
9 right here in Matagorda County every day.

10 So, NRC, I thank you again for hosting us.
11 I'd ask, as Representative Weber did, that you would
12 give strong consideration to this renewal. This is
13 one that you won't ever have to back away from. These
14 ladies and gentlemen are committed to excellence and
15 they're going to do a very, very good job for another
16 20 years should you decide to grant this renewal.

17 Thank you very, very much.

18 MS. SALTER: Thank you, Judge McDonald.

19 Our next speaker is Bay City Mayor Mark
20 Bricker.

21 MAYOR BRICKER: Thank you. As mayor, I do
22 not have the luxury to speak from personal opinions or
23 beliefs. My priority, alone, is the City of Bay City.
24 All the questions that I have evolve from the impacts
25 to the city environment, jobs and finances.

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1 With that being stated, STP makes it
2 obvious. STP is the largest employer to the county,
3 their employees stay active in numerous organizations,
4 and many serve as elected officials. They have a very
5 high importance to safety as well as the environment.
6 Their employees set the standard for their industry.
7 Just last October, STP was named one of America's
8 safest companies, the first nuclear facility to ever
9 be honored with that award.

10 In 2008, STP started its educational
11 incentive program as part of its workforce development
12 efforts. It represents a \$4.2 million investment that
13 provides great opportunities for well-paying jobs in
14 this community. For over 20 years the facility has
15 produced safe, reliable energy to the citizens of
16 Texas, and for the past seven consecutive years, STP
17 has produced more electricity than any other two-unit
18 nuclear plant in the country.

19 The license extension of STP will continue
20 to provide jobs and economic benefits to our local
21 community. STP is and will continue to be a proud
22 staple of our community, and I am pleased to support
23 the license extension of STP of Units 1 and 2 for an
24 additional 20 years.

25 Thank you.

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1 MS. SALTER: Thank you, Mayor Bricker.

2 Our next speaker will be Dianna Kile from
3 Congressman Paul's office.

4 MS. KILE: Good afternoon. On behalf of
5 Congressman Paul, I am pleased to endorse the proposed
6 license extension of the South Texas Project.

7 The South Texas Project has been an
8 integral part of the 14th Congressional District and
9 the Matagorda County community for more than 20 years,
10 producing clean, safe and reliable electricity to 2
11 million Texans.

12 At this time, Texas is the second largest
13 state in the country, with more than 25 million
14 residents. Along with this growth, the demand for
15 electricity has increased. With the challenges of
16 climate change, Congressman Paul believes that nuclear
17 energy must play a role in our state's energy future
18 for decades to come.

19 Congressman Paul believes that nuclear
20 generation has significant environmental advantages.
21 Electricity from nuclear is carbon-free, producing no
22 greenhouse gases. And on behalf of Congressman Paul,
23 we fully support the license extension of STP Units 1
24 and 2 for an additional 20 years.

25 Thank you for giving us this opportunity.

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MS. SALTER: Thank you, Ms. Kile.

Our next speaker is Ed Halpin, president and CEO of STP, who will be followed by Carolyn Thames, Don Booth, and Cheryl Stewart.

MR. HALPIN: Good afternoon, everyone, and thank you very much for being here this afternoon. Again, my name is Ed Halpin. I'm the president and chief executive officer of STP Nuclear Operating Company.

And I wanted to thank, as well, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for what you do. You do your job which is to provide the right oversight, and this is a part of the process. It's a part of the process of providing really independence and input from the public which is essential to the decision-making process. So thank you very much.

Let me mention that we recognize, as the operating company, that we have a very special trust that you have given us, and that's the trust of putting safety first, so you have our commitment. We've done that for 20-plus years and you have my personal commitment that we'll continue to do so in the future, putting safety first.

I also wanted to thank the residents of Matagorda County and also the leadership that's here

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1 today, the local, state and federal leadership. We
2 appreciate what you do for STP, it's been outstanding.

3 Residents, we have a very special
4 relationship. It's one that's gone on for almost
5 three decades, past three decades, and it's one where
6 you have provided your support through thick and thin,
7 and we thank you for that.

8 Our employees try to contribute and try to
9 continue to do what they can to improve life within
10 this community by serving, as the judge said, on
11 various board and providing leadership positions, and
12 we're thankful that you give us that opportunity.

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13 I'll mention as well, some have asked me
14 in the back: Why so early on this licensing process?
15 There are many, many reasons for why we're doing this
16 now. One is predictability and stability. I would
17 just mention the fact that Texas has got over 25
18 million people as a part of it, every day it grows by
19 a thousand-plus, so from an energy
20 stability/predictability standpoint, it is essential
21 that we have it when it comes to electricity. And one
22 only has to look at some of the blackouts that
23 occurred in February and then look really towards the
24 Middle East to appreciate stability.

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25 STP has been stable, we have been

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1 predictable and we've been safe. When you take a look
2 at our track record, really over the last 20 years,
3 and more specifically over the last seven years, STP
4 Units 1 and 2 have led the nation in total generation
5 of electricity of any two-unit plant. And I'll point
6 out that we've led the world for the last five years
7 in total generation of any two-unit plant or
8 equivalent, throughout the world, and STP Units 1 and
9 2 are not the largest.

10 We also, from a cost standpoint, actually
11 have had some performance that's been outstanding for
12 the last 20 years, but last year in 2010 we were the
13 fourth lowest producer in the nation, and all of this
14 is with putting safety first. It is all because we
15 have outstanding employees who do the right things
16 constantly from a human performance standpoint, it's
17 because we've invested in our equipment reliability,
18 and as well, it's because we do put safety first.

19 And finally, we couldn't do this without
20 the support of this community which has been topnotch.
21 So again, we thank you for that support, you have our
22 commitment, and we appreciate you. Thank you.

23 MS. SALTER: Thank you, Mr. Halpin.

24 So next we have Carolyn Thames, followed
25 by Don Booth, Cheryl Stewart, and then David Dunham.

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1 I want to share with you my perception of
 2 the operation of the South Texas Project Nuclear
 3 Operating Company. I work with, worship with and know
 4 the employees of this nuclear plant. I trust their
 5 work and their judgment in running one of the best
 6 nuclear plants in the United States. I wasn't born
 7 here; my family chose to live and work here. Our
 8 nuclear plant has operated here safely for over 25
 9 years and we feel very safe with STP providing
 10 reliable power to our state.

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11 During the record low temperatures when
 12 there were problems in Texas with other sources of
 13 power, our local plant didn't have any problems
 14 keeping the power generating for Texans.

15 The culture of continuing improvement for
 16 all aspects of power generation overflows in the
 17 community. STP's contributions to our local
 18 charities, our chambers of commerce and civic groups
 19 provide the commitment to our future and our joint
 20 success. They give both time and money to make sure
 21 Matagorda County is the best in all of Texas.

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22 I support your efforts and the efforts of
 23 STP in extending the operation license for both Units
 24 1 and 2.

25 Again, thank you for being here in

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1 Matagorda County and your efforts in keeping us safe.
2 Any further information you would like for me to
3 provide you, as an elected representative of the
4 citizens of Bay City, please feel free to contact me.
5 Thank you.

6 MS. SALTER: Thank you, Ms. Thames.

7 Our next speaker is Don Booth so I call
8 him to come up. And then he will be followed by
9 Cheryl Stewart, David Dunham and Owen Bludau. Hope I
10 said that right.

11 MR. BOOTH: Good afternoon. I'm Don
12 Booth. I'm the director of organizing and marketing
13 for Pipefitters Local 211, and from 1984 to 1989 I was
14 a worker on STP Units 1 and 2. I was a pipefitter for
15 Ebasco, I was a foreman and a general foreman. I know
16 the pride we built those units with and the safety we
17 built into them, and I know the seriousness that STP
18 has taken with its environmental impact.

19 And as a representative of Pipefitters
20 Local 211 of 3,000 members, many of which live in the
21 surrounding communities, we strongly support the
22 renewal of Units 1 and 2. Thank you.

23 MS. SALTER: Thank you, Mr. Booth.

24 I know invite Cheryl Stewart up to the
25 podium. And Ms. Stewart will be followed by David

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1 Dunham, Owen Bludau and Kesha Rogers.

2 MS. STEWART: My name is Cheryl Stewart,
3 and I'm on the Bay City Community Development
4 Corporation Board and also the Historic Commission,
5 and I'm here today to inform you of the many ways that
6 I have personally seen STP impact our community in a
7 positive way.

8 STP contributed \$100,000 to the Center for
9 Energy Development and currently provides staffing to
10 train our community's young adults. STP employees
11 have been strong leaders in our strategic planning for
12 the future of this community with our Bay City
13 Matagorda United Plan. STP employees have also
14 invested in the renovation of our historic downtown
15 district and its beautification efforts. I have also
16 served with STP employees on various community boards
17 and have witnessed firsthand their dedication, their
18 desire to be good neighbors, and their commitment to
19 our community.

20 I am sure that our community would
21 experience a huge loss without the involvement and
22 support of STP. They have set the bar for what a good
23 corporate partner should be, and I fully support the
24 license renewal of Units 1 and 2 for an additional 20
25 years. Thank you.

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1 be overemphasized. My employer is an educational
 2 partner with STP and their contribution to the future
 3 of our community through support of education is
 4 unprecedented in my 20 years of higher education
 5 experience.

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6 In my opinion, for the NRC a look at the
 7 record of positives associated with the safe operation
 8 of the South Texas Project, through its long
 9 established operating history, should be the greatest
 10 supporting factor in consideration of the extension of
 11 their operating license. Thank you.

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12 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Dunham.

13 Next we'll have Owen Bludau, Kesha Rogers
 14 and James Lovett, followed by D.C. Dunham.

15 MR. BLUDAU: Good afternoon. I'm Owen
 16 Bludau, executive director of the Matagorda County
 17 Economic Development Corporation.

18 On behalf of the Matagorda County Economic
 19 Development Corporation, I want to say that we
 20 strongly support the renewal of the license for
 21 operations of the South Texas Project Nuclear
 22 Operating Company for Units 1 and 2.

23 STP personifies the best type of economic
 24 development project that a community could want. It's
 25 created a large number of jobs that have been filled

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1 with highly educated and highly skilled workers. It
 2 pays wages far above the county average. It's greatly
 3 enhanced the tax base of Matagorda County and to the
 4 taxing entities in whose location it is situation. It
 5 makes significant annual financial contributions to
 6 civic, educational and promotional programs
 7 benefitting all of the county. It has created and
 8 funded a major grow-your-own technical education
 9 program, providing good career opportunities for all
 10 of our local youth. Its employee and their families
 11 are extensively involved in all aspects of our
 12 community and political life, and by so doing, they
 13 make Matagorda County a much better place in which to
 14 live for all the rest of us.

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15 STP's focus on emergency management
 16 planning and training have greatly enhanced the
 17 preparations of our emergency responders to address
 18 other types of natural disasters such as hurricanes,
 19 tornadoes, pipeline explosions, floods, et cetera. We
 20 are much better prepared to address such situations as
 21 a result of participating with STP Units 1 and 2 in
 22 their emergency preparedness plans and training.

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23 As you are aware, STP is seeking a
 24 construction and operating permit for proposed Units
 25 3 and 4. Matagorda County wholeheartedly supports

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1 this expansion. We would not be so wholeheartedly
2 behind the expansion if Units 1 and 2 did not have
3 such an outstanding and performance record. The
4 uncertainty factor that was here before Units 1 and 2
5 began operations have been replaced with wholehearted
6 support by proven performance, management and
7 operations.

8 Matagorda County is pro-nuclear. We fully
9 expect that an extension of the operating permit for
10 Units 1 and 2 will continue STP's outstanding
11 performance, reliability and reputation.

12 Last week I received my copy of the final
13 EIS statement for Units 3 and 4. It was thoroughly
14 done, very comprehensive. I read many sections of it,
15 and I know that the EIS for Units 1 and 2 renewal will
16 be as thorough and as complete.

17 On behalf of the MCEDC, Matagorda County
18 Economic Development Corporation, I strongly support
19 the expansion of the permit for Operating Units 1 and
20 2. Thank you.

21 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Bludau.

22 As Kesha Rogers is approaching, I'd just
23 like to remind you if anyone else would like to make
24 a comment to please fill out a yellow card and bring
25 it up to Susan or I. And Ms. Rogers will be followed

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1 by James Lovett, D.C. Dunham, and Willie Rollins.

2 MS. ROGERS: Thank you very much for
3 having me here for comments. My name is Kesha Rogers.
4 I'm actually a congressional candidate for the 22nd
5 Congressional District. I ran in the 2010 elections
6 and I also am an advocate for the LaRouche Political
7 Action Committee.

8 And I'm here today because I have been a
9 strong proponent and advocate of a renaissance in
10 nuclear power and development, and I, along with a
11 team of six congressional candidates running
12 nationally, are proposing not only for the advocacy of
13 the South Texas Nuclear Plant but also for the
14 development of a nuclear renaissance throughout the
15 nation and throughout the world.

16 And as many people may know, if you're
17 familiar with the advocacy of Mr. LaRouche, he has
18 been a proponent of fusion energy technology for quite
19 some time, and this has been my collaboration over the
20 years. And as I said, I'm not just here to advocate
21 for the South Texas plant and the project here, but
22 also for a renaissance in nuclear technology and
23 fusion energy throughout the country.

24 And this must be the wave of the future
25 and it is the only means of addressing what we face

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1 now as a total economic breakdown crisis in our
2 economy. As inflation continues, as you see more and
3 more people left without food, as speculation on food,
4 looking at what's happening with our water resources,
5 it is imperative that not only are we addressing the
6 needs for advancements in nuclear fusion technology
7 here but across the planet.

8 What I'd like to say is in addressing this
9 global crisis, it is important to realize that there
10 is going to be no economic recovery worldwide without
11 the commitment on the part of the United States to the
12 development of nuclear power and fusion research.
13 Nuclear energy offers a higher energy flux-density and
14 is currently the most efficient than any other power
15 mastered by man.

16 As a part of the advocacy for a total
17 renaissance in nuclear, I have been a proponent and
18 actively working for the implementation of the North
19 American Water and Power Alliance. It is a large
20 scale bioengineering project which calls for somewhere
21 between 169 million acre feet of water directed from
22 Alaska through Canada, with development of tunnels,
23 pumps, lifts, canals, and the sawtooth lift function
24 of this project will require about 26 gigawatts of
25 power and will require about 30-plus or so nuclear

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1 stations to be operable. We could use the 400
2 megawatts model of nuclear plants such as the GE prism
3 model.

4 This North American Water and Power
5 Alliance is the vision for the future of mankind, it
6 is a means for solving the long-term needs for mankind
7 for the next 50 years plus in water and resource
8 development. This is also going to pave the way for
9 the development and extraterrestrial imperative for
10 space colonization.

11 And what I'd like to do is also to add to
12 the records my support for this project and
13 advancements in nuclear projects throughout the
14 country, throughout the planet is a documentation that
15 was drafted by Nuclear Engineer DeWitt Moss entitled
16 "The Sawtooth Lift Nuclear Power Design" and also an
17 overview of the North American Water and Power
18 Alliance Project. Thank you very much.

19 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Ms. Rogers.

20 Next we'll have James Lovett, followed by
21 D.C. Dunham, Willie Rogers, and our final registered
22 speaker so far is Ian Overton.

23 MR. LOVETT: My name is James Lovett.
24 I've been retired for quite some years, but in my day
25 I had over 40 years in the nuclear energy industry,

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1 including the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, a nuclear
2 fuel fabricator -- not the reactors but the
3 fabricator -- and 17 years with the International
4 Atomic Energy Agency.

5 I think that to the long litany of support
6 for the reactors, about the only thing I can add is to
7 just spend one minute on information that I got from
8 other nations. I saw a statistic just today. The
9 U.S. has fewer than 25 percent of the operating
10 nuclear reactors in the world, we have fewer than 25
11 percent of the proposed or under construction reactors
12 for the next few years. We need more nuclear energy.

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13 Several nations have nuclear energy
14 policies. These policies are all variations on one
15 theme: one, oil is not a dependable source of energy,
16 it can be interrupted at any time and it is not
17 feasible to store more than a few months worth of
18 reserve supply; two, nuclear energy is the only source
19 of energy, other than wind and solar -- which I hope
20 come along in the future but at the present have to be
21 considered in the development stage -- nuclear energy
22 is the only source of energy that can produce large
23 quantities of energy without dumping large quantities
24 of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

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25 Yes, the natural gas plant is better than

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1 the coal plant and I'm not particularly in favor of a
2 coal plant in Matagorda County, but natural gas is
3 contributing to global warming and we cannot afford to
4 build any more of it than we have to.

5 I'm a strong supporter of nuclear energy,
6 I'm a strong supporter of renewing these, in due
7 course I will be a strong supporter of Units 3 and 4.
8 Thank you.

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9 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Lovett.

10 Next we have D.C. Dunham, followed by
11 Willie Rollins and Ian Overton.

12 MS. DUNHAM: Good afternoon. I'm D.C.
13 Dunham. I'm the executive director for Bay City
14 Community Development Corporation.

15 And have you ever wondered what Bay City
16 and Matagorda County would be like if we didn't have
17 South Texas Nuclear Operating Company here? There
18 isn't a day that goes by that we don't run into or
19 communicate with STP employees. They're involved
20 throughout our community, and I really have a hard
21 time imagining what it would be like here without them
22 because they're such a huge asset to our community.

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23 And of course, we love to show off our
24 assets, and I'm proud to say that every time I meet
25 someone I always talk about we're the home of a

1 nuclear power plant, because I'm just really proud of
2 that. And because of that, I've also invited all of
3 our surrounding economic development associates to
4 come and visit STP because I want them to see the high
5 level of security and safety that they operate in
6 every day. And I've got them actually scheduled next
7 month, so Mr. Halpin, hopefully you can stop by and
8 say hello.

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9 But as an economic developer and resident
10 of Matagorda County, I'm very thankful to have such a
11 great asset in our community, and they will not only
12 have a positive impact but an excellent impact on our
13 taxes, community development and our environmental
14 justice. Thank you.

15 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Ms. Dunham.

16 Next we'll have Willie Rollins, followed
17 by our final speaker, Ian Overton.

18 MR. ROLLINS: Hello. My name is Willie
19 Rollins. I'm a private citizen.

20 I don't have a lot of knowledge on
21 technical skills about nuclear energy, so I'm just
22 going to limit my comments to the social environmental
23 impact that STP has had on this community.

14-1 SOC

24 Matagorda County, like many rural
25 communities, over the years has suffered from brain

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1 drain where your best and your brightest tend to leave
2 and seek their fortunes other places. Well, STP has
3 helped to reverse that trend in Matagorda County. Not
4 only does it provide great paying jobs for our youth
5 that even go off to college and return to become
6 productive citizens in this community, they have
7 reduced the amount of exodus of kids leaving this
8 community in the first place with the creation of the
9 Center for Energy Development where we can now grow
10 our own.

11 The social environmental impact of that,
12 just in and of itself, has been tremendous. If we
13 were to track the intellectual scale of Matagorda
14 County within the last 20 years, you can begin to see
15 that if you start off with the census of 2000, the
16 number of high school graduated individuals in
17 Matagorda County represented about one-third, another
18 group of individuals that did not have a high school
19 diploma represented another third. So effectively,
20 basically two-thirds of the population of Matagorda
21 County had a high school diploma or less.

22 If you begin to look at the recent trend
23 since the South Texas Project has been in this
24 community, you can see that trend reversing and the
25 numbers of educated citizens of this community going

**14-1 SOC
cont.**

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1 up.

2 When I returned to Matagorda County
3 several years ago, I became actively involved in a lot
4 of the nonprofit organizations. The premier nonprofit
5 organization for this community was United Way, but at
6 that time, unfortunately, United Way was under poor
7 leadership and dysfunctional.

8 Thanks to the leadership of two employees
9 from STP, one by the name of Gerald Wilson, another by
10 the name of Chris Johnson, who took the leadership of
11 the United Way and made it the organization that it is
12 today that's supporting over 30 other non-profit
13 organizations in this community, there are others that
14 could talk more eloquently about the economic impact
15 of STP, but the ancillary benefit of its employees
16 serving on nonprofit boards, and not to mention our
17 faith-based communities through their tithes, their
18 offerings that support churches and other community-
19 based organizations, that contribution is almost
20 immeasurable.

21 So that, for me, is the state of the
22 environmental impact as it relates to the social
23 community in Matagorda County. And I thank you all
24 for this opportunity to give those expressions.

25 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Rollins.

**14-1 SOC
cont.**

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1 I'd like call up the final speaker, Ian
2 Overton. And if we've missed anyone, please fill out
3 a yellow card and pass it to Susan or I.

4 MR. OVERTON: Hello. My name is Ian
5 Overton and I'm an organizer with the LaRouche
6 Political Action Committee, and I wanted to come out
7 and show my support for STP.

8 And I think that it's probably best, when
9 talking about the environmental benefits of nuclear
10 power, to compare it with the environmental problems
11 that other forms of power offer. So for example, the
12 amount of energy in one pellet of uranium, about the
13 size of my fingernail here, is equivalent in energy to
14 about 30 barrels of oil or 6.15 tons of coal, or 23-
15 1/2 tons of dry wood.

16 When you start going into other examples
17 of energy, such as wind or solar, the amount of return
18 gets even worse because the amount of radiant heat
19 coming down from the sun is only about 200 watts per
20 square meter, and the amount of land area and the cost
21 of building and maintaining solar panels or windmills
22 is far, far greater than the actual benefit you get
23 from them, not to mention that windmills kill birds by
24 the dozen and solar panels, with their polarized
25 lights, kill insects by the countless numbers.

15-1 ALT

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1 So what we have to deal with is actually
2 the most important thing we have to be looking at when
3 we're talking about nuclear power and the necessity of
4 expanding our nuclear industry is that the way in
5 which we're going to be able to create resources in
6 the future. You only get enough heat density in a
7 given area through nuclear power to do things like
8 create fresh drinking water, or distill medical
9 isotopes, or other things that civilized society
10 depends upon to create a dignified standard of living
11 for all of its population.

15-2 GEN

12 Therefore, one of the most dangerous
13 environmental impacts is the political agenda against
14 nuclear power which, in effect, is also against
15 humanity because humanity needs to progress in the
16 direction of increasing the productive powers of labor
17 and the productive work of society overall -- which is
18 something that STP contributes to, as you've heard, as
19 nuclear power contributes to overall.

20 And I think that the nuclear station here,
21 given the opportunity, will be a very happy
22 contributor to eventually realizing 6,000 gigawatts of
23 nuclear electricity which is about what's going to be
24 needed to bring the world up to a living standard that
25 is actually acceptable for a species such as ours.

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1 This concludes my presentation and I will
2 now turn it over to our meeting facilitator.

3 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Michelle.

4 At this point we'll open the floor to
5 questions on the process, and I'll come out with a
6 microphone if there are any. Just raise your hands.

7 Do you have a question? Please state your
8 name and affiliation, if any, before your question.

9 MR. CORDER: Good afternoon. My name is
10 John Corder, 313 County Road 912 in Brazoria County.
11 I'm proud to say that I worked on STP 1 and 2 for five
12 years.

13 My concern is something that affected me
14 personally that I identified some concerns that I had
15 as time went on, and through the process of the United
16 States Labor Commission I was able to settle my
17 complaints inasmuch as I was not told ever whatever
18 happened to the results of my complaints.

19 I'm here tonight to offer to the STP, not
20 only 1 and 2 but 3 and 4, to please make public -- and
21 I've worked with the administration of both 1 and 2
22 and 3 and 4 -- to make public inasmuch as they could
23 put it into the Bay City Library.

24 Here's the facts, if you're any of these
25 people here -- excuse me a minute to get it correct --

16-1 OOS

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1 if you're an employee, a contractor, a vendor,
2 personnel or a visitor reporting safety-related or
3 quality concerns, what I'm saying is that whatever
4 those concerns are should be made public, put in a
5 public place.

6 The pressure on individuals to report
7 something is great when they fear if they're working
8 that they'll be terminated, or maybe they go ahead and
9 get terminated or choose another job, what happens to
10 the concern that they have identified.

11 We have in this policy of STP that they'll
12 take care of it and NRC will, and I'm sure their
13 intent is very good. What we the people need to know
14 is that whatever that concern was should be
15 identified. That is only part of it. What is the
16 resolution to that concern, and thirdly, whatever
17 happened to the culmination that that concern was
18 adequately identified. Even if the person wanted to
19 be anonymous, it's still important publicly regarding
20 what emphasis it has to the NRC or to the project,
21 it's important to the public.

22 We're here tonight to understand that the
23 NRC and the STP are interested in continuing their
24 license. I agree with that. I agree also that in
25 that process their policy should be changed in words

**16-1 OOS
cont.**

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1 that would say that we, STP, will identify to the, for
2 example, Bay City Library, will put in the concerns
3 that are presented to them so that the public will
4 have access to know what they were, what the
5 resolution was, and if it in fact was completed.

16-2 GEN

6 Thank you very much.

7 MS. SALTER: Thank you, Mr. Corder. And
8 I believe we have some information on, it sounds like,
9 maybe possibly an allegation. We'll follow up with
10 that and get back with you on that.

11 Does anyone have any questions on the
12 process before we move into the comment period for the
13 review, for the license renewal review, environmental
14 evaluation?

15 (No response.)

16 MS. RIVERA: Okay. So with that, we are
17 going to enter into the comment period. Again, if you
18 would like to make a comment and you have not filled
19 out a yellow card, it's not too late. You can get one
20 in the back and bring it to me and we'll add you to
21 the list.

22 I'm going to turn it back to Alison.

23 MS. RIVERA: Thank you.

24 First up, we're going to have Matagorda
25 County Judge Nate McDonald, and on deck we'll have

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1 Mitch Thames, Tim Powell and Ken Head.

2 JUDGE McDONALD: Good evening. My name is
3 Nate McDonald. I'm the county judge from Matagorda
4 County, and I want to thank the NRC for hosting this
5 event tonight to give all of you a voice in the
6 process. That's the way America was promulgated in
7 the beginning, and that's the way it should be and
8 always shall be, we hope, and we thank you all for
9 making that available to us tonight.

10 Ladies and gentlemen, by its very
11 definition, an electric generating station is designed
12 to churn out power seven days a week, 24 hours a day,
13 and hopefully 365 days a year, unless, of course, you
14 have those unforeseen events that come along from time
15 to time.

16 Just last month we had one of those
17 unforeseen events right here in this county and in
18 many, many parts of the State of Texas. Many, many of
19 the electric generating stations in the state did a
20 fine job; many, many of them fell offline. I can tell
21 you, though, from firsthand knowledge that one of
22 those stations that didn't go offline and that did do
23 a very, very good job was right here in Matagorda
24 County. We had two units of nuclear that operated
25 completely right through every outage that was in this

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1 cold snap that we had, and not only that, but did it
2 in a safe and reliable manner with no reportable
3 injuries, the whole thing. You know, that in itself
4 is plenty to keep this station running for another 20
5 years.

6 If we start down the path of all the other
7 ancillary things that this plant has for Matagorda
8 County, it's going to take a heck of a lot more than
9 the three to five minutes that I have, so I'm not
10 going to start down that path. But what I will tell
11 you and what I do know from firsthand observation is
12 that this plant is committed to the safety and the
13 well-being of the citizens of Matagorda County, to
14 their employees, and that's what they practice first
15 and foremost is safety, and they do that oftentimes at
16 the expense of profits.

17 And I can tell you that's a very, very
18 refreshing take on a business model because you don't
19 see that much in corporate America these days, ladies
20 and gentlemen. But we see that and we have that right
21 here in Matagorda County, and all the while having
22 promulgated and carried out that culture of excellence
23 that they practice. They've developed a very good
24 business model that does allow them to produce and
25 does allow them to lead the nation, and even the

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1 world, in safe and reliable electric generation.

2 So that, in a nutshell, for me is what's
3 the very most important thing about consideration for
4 this renewal that we're talking about tonight.

5 I hope that the NRC will smile favorably
6 upon this plant's request and I'd hope that you would
7 grant it. And if there's ever anything that I or my
8 office or any of the commissioners that serve on the
9 court with me can answer for you, I'd hope that you
10 would call us and ask those questions of us and give
11 us the chance to answer those for you.

12 We do appreciate you all being here this
13 evening, we do appreciate STP's confidence in us, and
14 we especially appreciate STP's willingness to grow out
15 their legacy for the county by another 20 years in
16 filing this application.

17 So thank you all very, very much again,
18 NRC, for allowing us to comment tonight. Thank you.

19 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Judge McDonald.

20 Next we have Mitch Thames, followed by Tim
21 Powell, Ken Head and Mike Bolin.

22 MR. THAMES: And again, thank you. I also
23 want to echo the Judge's comments. NRC, thank you so
24 much for coming down to Matagorda County, and as an
25 official welcome, we certainly do appreciate you.

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1 I want to touch on two aspects of the
2 review. One is going to be the environmental aspect.
3 It's very important when you talk about Matagorda
4 County -- and I'll do just a little bit of a
5 commercial -- we have a very, very sensitive area in
6 that we have the freshwater from our Colorado River,
7 two bays, estuaries, as well as the Gulf of Mexico.
8 We are the North American Christmas bird count winner
9 about eleven out of the last twelve years. It was
10 foggy one morning and we missed some of those birds.

18-1 ECO

11 But as you see that as we've got such a
12 great ecological area here the whole time Units 1 and
13 2 have been operating. So we're very, very proud of
14 the fact that the South Texas Nuclear Operating
15 Company, with Units 1 and 2, continues to operate in
16 a strong fashion while our environment is protected.

17 The second is from more of a behind-the-
18 scenes type of safety aspect. The Judge has seen fit
19 to have me as one of the PIOs, public information
20 officers, for the county during a lot of our STP
21 drills, many of which you grade us on every aspect of
22 it. We're very proud of the fact that we set the
23 standard, I think, in the nation, and that's some of
24 the feedback we've gotten from the NRC.

18-2 OOS

25 I have been allowed to have information

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1 opened up, as the county's PIO. There's never been a
2 piece of information that's been withheld as we go
3 through drills, as situations were faced. We're also
4 educated from a county standpoint, knowing exactly
5 what's going on at the plant in case something should
6 ever happen. It is important for us to be able to
7 stand up and speak to the media, but more importantly,
8 as you know, we're speaking to the citizens of
9 Matagorda County and keeping them safe.
10 So on both aspects it's a five-star rating.

11 We certainly do appreciate you being here,
12 and we thank you so much.

13 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Thames.

14 Next we'll have Tim Powell, followed by
15 Ken Head and Mike Bolin. And as you start your
16 comments, if you could introduce yourself and give
17 your affiliation, if any, please.

18 MR. POWELL: Thank you very much. I'm Tim
19 Powell. I'm the vice president of Technical Support
20 and Oversight for the South Texas Project, and the
21 license renewal comes under my area.

22 Do appreciate the Nuclear Regulatory
23 Commission coming down and supporting this public
24 forum. It is extremely important, the public input in
25 this process, because it helps us become a better

**18-2 OOS
cont.**

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1 station with the more input that we get.

2 I really would like to thank the residents
3 of the local communities and the leaders that have
4 come out to provide input. We couldn't do it without
5 you and we appreciate your support and your comments.

6 I would also just like to state that over
7 the last seven years we have had the top two-unit
8 producing power plant in the United States, and over
9 the last five years the top two-unit producer in the
10 world. We accomplished that by focusing on safety
11 first. Nuclear safety is our number one priority and
12 something that we hold very dear, and we continuously
13 focus on it.

14 Our employees are active in the community.
15 I think we are an excellent corporate citizen, and we
16 look forward to doing that all the way to 2047 and
17 2048. We look forward to serving Matagorda County
18 through the production of safe, clean, carbon-free
19 electricity over those extra 20 years. Thank you.

20 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Powell.

21 Next we have Ken Head, followed by Mike
22 Bolin.

23 MR. KEN HEAD: Thank you. My name is Ken
24 Head. I'm a small business owner here in Matagorda
25 County.

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1 And first of all, I'd like to thank the
 2 NRC for coming down today. We really appreciate your
 3 concern over our environment, as well as our community
 4 leaders here in Matagorda County.

5 I'd like to express it's necessary for the
 6 continued growth of our county for you to issue the
 7 20-year continuation of STP. STP employees are some
 8 of my top customers and they're the ones that keep our
 9 community afloat, as well as our small businesses, our
 10 hotels, our food eateries, everywhere else. I would
 11 imagine you're staying at some of those fine utilities
 12 this evening.

20-1 GEN

13 As a long-time resident of Bay City, I've
 14 seen the good, the bad and the ugly of STP, and good
 15 thing I've never seen any bad or ugly, everything I've
 16 seen has been pretty good. And I appreciate the
 17 leadership out there that I see sitting around this
 18 room that has made that happen.

19 What should you focus on? Obviously, our
 20 environmental concerns are a huge part of this. I'm
 21 the Convention and Visitors Bureau and one of our main
 22 focuses is bringing tourists down to Matagorda County
 23 to see what we have to offer. Good thing one of our
 24 sights to see is STP, as well as all around STP we
 25 have tons of fishing, birding, we have farmlands and

20-2 SOC

20-3 ECO

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1 everything else, and from what I've seen, there have
 2 been no concerns with those at all, as I grew up
 3 fishing right below STP on the Colorado River. And I
 4 would like to thank STP for providing that to me,
 5 providing the safe waters and the safe grounds for me
 6 to do that on.

**20-3 ECO
cont.**

7 As well, it is my opinion that if the
 8 renewal should be given to STP, I think the highly
 9 qualified organization out there will continue working
 10 on 1 and 2 as they continue to build 3 and 4, and I
 11 think you ought to take that into accountability that
 12 with the 3 and 4 coming on that they can continue to
 13 operate 1 and 2 successfully.

20-4 GEN

14 Thank you so much.

15 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Head.

16 Next we'll have Mr. Bolin, and if anyone
 17 else would like to register to speak, just fill out a
 18 yellow card.

19 MR. BOLIN: Thank you. My name is Mike
 20 Bolin, and I'm a partner with John White in a small
 21 general contracting firm local to Bay City.

22 There's not much else to say after Ken
 23 Head covered the waterfront, and I agree with
 24 everything that he said. And I'd also like to, for
 25 the record, say that I am absolutely for the

21-1 GEN

1 continuation of such a good neighbor and a good
 2 employer, just a good citizen. Our hopes are that it
 3 will continue and that we're for it, and we just wish
 4 we had more employers like you in this county.

**21-1 GEN
cont.**

5 Thank you.

6 MS. RIVERA: I have a yellow card now for
 7 Mr. Corder. Did you have additional comments that you
 8 wanted to come up and make?

9 As he's approaching, I'll say that on deck
 10 is Casey Kile, Robert Singleton, Karen Hadden, and
 11 Bobby Head.

12 MR. CORDER: My name is John Corder, 313
 13 County Road 912, Brazoria County. It's a pleasure to
 14 be here tonight.

15 As I said earlier, I had the pleasure of
 16 working on 1 and 2 for about five years. I've also
 17 had the experience of overseeing quality control for
 18 the company I've worked for for about 30 years in
 19 quality control, and I've been personally on five
 20 nuclear plants. This has been one of them.

22-1 OOS

21 To more elaborate on what I just said, my
 22 concern is having worked with the STP present
 23 administration and the Units 3 and 4, I'm really not
 24 satisfied that they had the openness that I expected
 25 when it come to personnel for the individual workers

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1 or those that are here in these categories that I
2 mentioned.

3 I would admonish all of us to always keep
4 tabs on the installation itself, feel free that you
5 can ask questions and if there's any questions that
6 ever come from a worker. It is very difficult for a
7 lot of people to identify a problem. They feel
8 threatened by it, and frankly, that is a real concern,
9 been there.

**22-1 OOS
cont.**

10 So I'm hoping that in the renewal -- and
11 I wish that the plants get renewed, I'm not going to
12 say about nuclear not being safe, et cetera -- I am
13 only saying that I am hoping that we have more of an
14 openness with the community or for those that have any
15 questions about the safety or any concern, whether it
16 be for personnel protection, plant safety or for the
17 administration of how they do their policies.

22-2 GEN

18 I was working with 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 on
19 those policies they have which said about the
20 openness, and that's what I said is that I hope that
21 we can have, like the person said before, it will be
22 in the library, but really I want the concerns to be
23 there so that we can look at them and get them
24 resolved.

22-3 OOS

25 And I wish STP good luck.

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1 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Corder.

2 Next we'll have Casey Kile, followed by
3 Robert Singleton, Karen Hadden and Bobby Head.

4 MR. KILE: My name is Casey Kile. I'm the
5 president of Bay City Babe Ruth here in Bay City.

6 And I'd just like to say that, on behalf
7 of Babe Ruth, we're very grateful for everything STP
8 does for us as an organization. They're a major
9 sponsor in all of our events. Over the last ten years
10 we've hosted four regional tournaments and eleven or
11 twelve state tournaments, and without STP's support,
12 we would never have been able to participate in those
13 tournaments or even host those tournaments.

14 On the economic standpoint Mr. Head said,
15 earlier last year we hosted a regional tournament. We
16 had five states come to visit Bay City, over 400
17 visitors in town, over 100,000 new dollars just last
18 year, and without STP supporting that, we wouldn't
19 have been able to host that tournament. So we'd like
20 to thank them.

21 Not only do they help us monetarily with
22 our tournaments, but their employees also volunteer
23 with us, and we'd like to thank them for their
24 employees and letting them volunteer.

25 Over the last ten years, like I said,

23-1 SOC

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1 we've hosted about 15 tournaments and probably half a
2 million new dollars in Matagorda County over the last
3 ten years.

4 So if you wouldn't mind, Bay City Babe
5 Ruth and all the youth are in great favor of renewing
6 STP for their license. Thank you very much.

7 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Kile.

8 Next we'll have Robert Singleton, followed
9 by Karen Hadden, and finally, Bobby Head. And if
10 anyone else is interested in speaking, just please fil
11 out a yellow card and bring it up to Susan or I.

12 MR. SINGLETON: Hi. My name is Robert
13 Singleton. I'm from Austin and I'm representing
14 public citizen at this event.

15 You may ask why I'd want to come down from
16 Austin to talk to you. Well, Austin is a 16 percent
17 partner in Unit 1 and Unit 2, and if you look back
18 over the history of the project, we've got a lot less
19 reason to celebrate this plant than maybe some people
20 who live here do. I'm not going to talk a lot about
21 jobs but I'm going to wrap up with that tonight.

22 But Austin's experience with 1 and 2 was
23 a nightmare. We had it thrust upon us by politicians
24 who were determined to continue to take public votes
25 until we bought a share of the plant. We tried to get

24-1 SOC

1 out of the plant at one point, tried to sell our 16
2 percent share, and can't.

3 The problem was at its worst in the '90s
4 when 42 cents out of every dollar that we paid on a
5 utility bill was going for debt service at NRG. For
6 our 16 percent share, we were paying almost half of
7 our utility bill for debt service on the project.

8 I want to talk mainly about safety
9 tonight. And I know that when you're living here, the
10 plant is just something that's always been there, but
11 my thinking about safety at nuclear power plants is
12 sort of: Yeah, they've got redundant safety systems
13 because there are redundant dangers. The analogy I
14 like to think of is if I'm walking through a
15 construction site wearing a hard hat and a brick falls
16 six stories and bounces off my helmet, my first
17 thought is not thank God the helmet worked, my thought
18 is who dropped the brick.

19 If you want to know what's going on with
20 nuclear power plants and you support this plant, I'm
21 going to challenge you to do one thing, and that is
22 tomorrow morning go to the NRC website, www.nrg.gov,
23 and click on event reports and click on current
24 events. If you do this for a couple of days a week,
25 you're going to be convinced that nuclear power plants

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24-2 OOS

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1 routinely have near misses that could have
2 catastrophic results.

3 Nuclear power is the only form of energy
4 generation that has the potential for killing
5 thousands of people in one single event. I mean, if
6 you're investing in wind, what's the worst that can
7 happen? You have a catastrophic accident, you don't
8 generate power and maybe some sheep were
9 inconvenienced. Nuclear power has the capacity to
10 kill people, it's a dangerous technology. All you
11 have to do is look at Chernobyl and Three Mile Island.

12 How many of you have ever heard of SL1?
13 It was an experimental reactor in Idaho that in the
14 early '60s had a fatal accident. There was one
15 gentleman that was actually pinned to the ceiling of
16 the containment building by a rod when there was a
17 steam explosion in the plant. It impaled him to the
18 ceiling stuck on a control rod.

19 Nuclear power can and has caused human
20 fatalities. Read about Chernobyl. I know that NRG is
21 going to say well, new reactors are safer, but they're
22 saying this in a way that causes me to ask this
23 question. When they're talking to you about 3 and 4,
24 they say these plants are newer and safer, or safer
25 and more advanced than the old plants. Well, they're

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1 also arguing for extending the life of the old plants
2 which had a limit on their life in the first place for
3 a reason: we didn't know how long you could run a
4 nuclear power plant; we still don't.

5 Turkey Point in Florida, they had to
6 replace the steam generators in the plant, and to
7 replace a steam generator you have to cut a hole in
8 the containment building, you have to take the
9 generator out and put the new one in. Well, what they
10 found was that the cement inside the containment
11 building had degraded over the last 20 years, there
12 were immense cracks that ran through the inside of the
13 structure.

14 And that is what happens when you extend
15 the life of a nuclear plant. These things were
16 designed to have a limited life for a reason. They're
17 not going to safe forever.

18 Nuclear power was also always intended to
19 be a bridge technology. We're always going to find
20 something better, and what we could do right now
21 instead of re-license these is make an investment in
22 renewables which could have, in terms of jobs, just as
23 much of an impact as extending the life of this plant
24 or building new units.

25 The other thing about switching forms of

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cont.**

24-3 ALT

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1 energy is that you can create jobs locally that are
2 going to be exclusively locally. Nuclear power, a lot
3 of the jobs that are generated are going to be foreign
4 manufacturing jobs. The components for these plants
5 are built off site, they don't really generate that
6 much for your local economy.

7 There are new and exciting technologies
8 that we could be counting on. For example, there's an
9 Australian company called EnviroMission that's just
10 about to open a project in Arizona. What it is is
11 it's a tower, just a tower, covered around the base
12 with thick plastic. What it does is it captures the
13 heat of the sun, the heated air rises up a chimney and
14 turns a turbine. It's basically the only moving part,
15 so the turbine and then the generators from it.

16 The cool thing about it is that it
17 continues to generate electricity even at night
18 because the head of the ground continues to make this
19 temperature differential and the air continues up the
20 chimney and the turbines continue to turn.

21 This is the kind of thing that can be
22 built and provide localized power. In West Texas, for
23 example, we could build these things and not have to
24 ship the power across the state. We could actually
25 use it to provide energy where it's built.

**24-3 ALT
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1 There are alternatives, and I really think
2 that there's not enough proof that a plant can be run
3 longer than the time period in which the engineers
4 that designed it said it was designed to be built.
5 They're talking now about running some nuclear plants
6 for 60 years. My question is is this because they're
7 so much safer than they were thought to be originally,
8 or is this because the people that run nuclear power
9 plants say if we close it down we don't make any
10 money; if we continue to run it, sure they'll be less
11 safe than they were, but as long as they don't
12 actually melt down, we're going to continue to make
13 money. I think you'll find out that's what it is.

24-4 OOS

14 And also don't let NRG give you this
15 talking out of both sides of their face where they say
16 the 3 and 4 are going to be better and newer, at the
17 same they're talking about extending the life of what
18 then could be argued are the older and the less safe
19 plants. Can't have it both ways, and there are
20 definitely alternatives.

21 Thanks.

22 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Singleton.

23 Next we'll have Karen Hadden, followed by
24 our final registered speaker, Bobby Head.

25 If anybody else is interested in

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1 registering, just fill out a yellow card and bring it
2 to the front. Thank you.

3 MS. HADDEN: Good evening. My name is
4 Karen Hadden, and I'm here as executive director of
5 the SEED Coalition, Sustainable Energy and Economic
6 Development Coalition.

7 And first I'd like to say thank you
8 because we've been down here a number of times and
9 we've expressed concerns about the new reactors
10 proposed, but we've always been treated well in Bay
11 City, and I have a huge respect for the people who
12 work here and live here, and I do think you have a
13 beautiful community and I do hope that tourism
14 continues and grows.

15 I also have concerns about the re-
16 licensing of reactors 1 and 2. I think there's a
17 number of issues that need to be looked at carefully
18 during this process and bearing worker safety in mind.
19 One of them is tritium, and basically there has been
20 tritium showing up in wells on the site. This needs
21 to be looked into thoroughly, as well as tritium in
22 the Colorado River, and documented, measured,
23 carefully analyzed to see if it's safe to continue
24 down this path at this point in time.

25 Another issue is control rods. There were

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25-2 OOS

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1 problems when the new reactor heads were put on, the
2 control rods got stuck. This is actually happening at
3 many different reactors right now. And there's been
4 some flaws in construction of some of the equipment
5 involved. So I think during this process that there
6 should be a thorough analysis of the control rods,
7 their drive mechanism, and so on and so forth, and see
8 if there's any problems technologically with the parts
9 that are here and being used.

**25-2 OOS
cont.**

10 I share the concerns mentioned by Robert
11 Singleton about embrittlement as the plants age.
12 These reactors were not designed to run forever; they
13 were designed to be closing down about this time, and
14 the first five years and the last five years of a
15 nuclear reactor's life cycle are the ones where they
16 have the most risk, and I think we should bear that in
17 mind during this process and do analysis on that
18 front.

19 Furthermore, in 1982 there was a study
20 done for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission called the
21 Crack Two Study. It found that if there were an
22 accident -- and they were looking at Units 1 and 2 --
23 that there would be 18,000 early deaths. They would
24 also be followed by thousands of cancers. That study
25 has not been updated. The population in some of this

25-3 SEV

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1 region has grown, and it needs to be looked at again
2 to find out what is the reality of the situation
3 today, and that needs to be compared to other ways of
4 generating electricity.

**25-3 SEV
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5 There is a problem with the leaking main
6 cooling reservoir which was described and documented
7 in the license application for Units 3 and 4. There
8 needs to be tracking of where the water is going, is
9 it reaching the Gulf, where is it going, what is it
10 doing. That should be part of the re-licensing study
11 and analysis.

12 Water use is an increasing issue. Up
13 until this point, the highest use that I know of
14 through researchers looking at this is 49 percent of
15 the Colorado River has been used for cooling purposes,
16 and I know a couple of summers ago there was a lot of
17 pumping going on to refill the reservoir when it got
18 kind of low.

25-4 HYD

19 It's a problem for those of us in Austin.
20 The Colorado River water has to serve a lot of
21 purposes. Rice farmers need it; we're going to need
22 it for many, many purposes, recreation, fishing on our
23 end. And Lake Travis levels were at an all-time low
24 several years ago. Every single dam on the whole lake
25 was closed; you couldn't put a boat in.

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1 And we would like to see something shift
2 to where this much water was no longer required.
3 Certainly you're still going to have to still cool
4 spent fuel rods and so on and so forth, but it is a
5 question when you look at continuing the reactors'
6 life.

**25-4 HYD
cont.**

7 A big issue is need for power. Right now
8 in the legal case involving Units 3 and 4, the Atomic
9 Safety and Licensing Board has agreed to hear a
10 contention that is one of omission. There was a
11 failure to analyze what alternatives were there in
12 terms of looking at energy efficiency. Building codes
13 in particular are going to be saving -- they've been
14 adopted -- going to be saving some 2,200 megawatts of
15 power in Texas. We need to look at whether the power
16 is needed, and then we need to look at how else it
17 could be generated.

25-5 ALT

18 And certainly jobs are crucially important
19 in every community. We realize that that's important
20 here. I think it's time to look at what are the
21 options in terms of transition, what other kinds of
22 ways to generate electricity could occur here -- I
23 think there are many -- and to start looking at
24 training and what other options exist.

25 The reactor head that's stored onsite, I

25-6 OOS

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1 think as part of this process it should be looked into
2 about how carefully shielded that is, is it adequate.
3 Maybe it is, maybe it isn't. But I think that should
4 be looked at.

**25-6 OOS
cont.**

5 Security issues continue. Just last week
6 we heard about a Texas Tech student who among his
7 plans was a plan to attack nuclear plants, and I think
8 that needs to be looked at once again as well.

25-7 OOS

9 So these and many issues should be
10 addressed. It's an important decision.

11 I think at this point in time it's also
12 important to note that in the world of emergency
13 planning that the ability to get potassium iodide
14 tablets out to the public seems to have been
15 overlooked. I don't see a lot of information about
16 it. I think it is one approach you could take if
17 there was a serious accident, and that should be
18 looked at. In other places in the country potassium
19 iodide tablets were actually distributed to the
20 community at one point in time so that if there was an
21 accident, you could take it and protect the thyroid
22 from absorption of radioactive iodine.

25-8 OOS

23 I don't see that happening here, nor do I
24 see information publicized about that option. You can
25 buy them online, but I don't see anybody even telling

1 people about that.

2 So I think that we will also be submitting
3 written comments. There's other concerns that we
4 have. We'll be looking more in-depth. A lot of
5 issues need to be fully explored, and we look forward
6 to communicating with you further on that front.
7 Thank you.

8 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Ms. Hadden.

9 Next we'll have Bobby Head.

10 MR. BOBBY HEAD: I'm last but I'm going to
11 try to be a little bit quick. I think you know I can
12 be a little bit long-winded, most of you guys.

13 First off, I'd like to say I'm Bobby Head,
14 a third-generation Matagorda County resident. Love it
15 here. There's no place like Matagorda County.

16 To back up a few years and tell you things
17 that I've witnessed, back 30 years ago when we were
18 talking about the plant, there was a group of people
19 that decided they were going to protest it. They were
20 from Austin, Boston, Houston, San Francisco, and they
21 rented buses and they came down here, and they put it
22 in the newspaper that they had a thousand balloons
23 that they were going to release into the atmosphere,
24 and that's what would happen if they had a meltdown,
25 this nuclear waste would go like this.

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1 Well, it just so happened that some people
2 from Bay City went out there. As I understand, there
3 was one lady who took her three children out there to
4 see the balloons. And it went into the newspaper that
5 they released the balloons, just happened to be one of
6 those days that the wind was blowing north and they
7 all blew out into the Gulf.

8 Well, do you realize that today, what we
9 know today, if we were to release a thousand balloons
10 it would be much more detrimental to our environment
11 than what STP has been for 30 years. We couldn't do
12 that. We would make national news if you said we're
13 going to release a thousand balloons, especially in a
14 place where the number one in the nation bird count is

15 I'm in a unique position. I'm going to
16 change subjects a little bit. I'm in a unique
17 position, I've worked at STP, I've worked outages out
18 there. I'm one of the few guys, I guess, that's only
19 worked four outages -- I haven't worked the last
20 couple -- but I have been from the very top of the
21 dome to -- what's the room at the very bottom
22 underneath the rods -- number 1. I've been there.

23 And I will tell you one thing, of all the
24 things I've done in my life, worked in the oil
25 industry, worked on drilling rigs, worked at Dow

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1 Chemical Company, I have never ever even come close to
2 the safety that I felt at STP. I'm telling you they
3 spend more time working on safety than anything else.
4 I've never felt one bit -- and not too many people go
5 to room number 1.

6 And it's kind of funny you go way up in
7 the top and it's really, really hot, and you go way
8 down in the bottom and it's really, really cold, but
9 they call that the hottest place in the plant, room
10 number 1.

11 But I'm going to tell you, safety, there's
12 nothing like safety at STP. I've never been involved
13 in anything like that.

14 To say that STP is a good neighbor, no
15 way. They're an awesome neighbor. They have been an
16 awesome neighbor from day one. When they first came
17 here we thought, well, those were the STP guys, and
18 for years, those guys out at STP, those guys out at
19 STP. Well, they're not. They're out coaches, they're
20 our sponsors, they're our mothers, our fathers, our
21 brothers, our sisters and our grandchildren that are
22 out there. They are us, they are out people.

23 We love you guys. We appreciate you being
24 here. We want not only Units 3 and 4, we would like
25 the extension of the units there.

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1 Randy Weber was here last week. He's our
2 state representative. He got over in the next room
3 and he said, Texas is growing by 113,000 people a
4 month. Wow. We're outgrowing all the states combined.
5 We're getting more people into Texas. He says if we
6 keep growing the way we are, that by 2015 we're going
7 to have to have five new nuclear plants, or 16 coal
8 plants, or 28 gas plants, or 3,000 windmills if the
9 windmills agree to turn 24-7-365. You know that's not
10 going to happen.

11 Would I like to see all of our power
12 generated totally clean. Yes, I would. It's not
13 realistic, not with what we have as today's knowledge.

14 What else do I want to say? Just to wind
15 up, I appreciate you guys coming down. If you have
16 any questions of me, a guy that worked mechanical
17 maintenance out there, let me know because we're the
18 guys that actually go out there and turn the nuts and
19 bolts and do the work, we dress in the full uniforms
20 to go to the places we have to go. If you have any
21 questions, feel free to ask, and we appreciate you
22 guys coming down.

23 Thank you.

24 MS. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Head.

25 Having received no other yellow cards, I'm

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1 going to turn it over to Bo Pham, the branch chief.

2 MS. SALTER: Oh, wait. We have another
3 yellow card over here.

4 MS. RIVERA: Sorry.

5 MR. KOVAR: Hello. My name is Tom Kovar,
6 and I'm a citizen of Bay City, a business owner, I
7 have a little air conditioning business.

8 And I worked at the nuclear plant for five
9 years in the construction phase in the early '80s, and
10 to start with we were kind of skeptical when they were
11 building the STP because there were several setbacks,
12 mainly in the construction companies, not in the STP
13 itself.

27-1 GEN

14 But after it was finally built, we were
15 pleasantly surprised for the last 20 years in how it
16 operated and how safe it was, and a large part of that
17 is because of the NRC and how it governs and has
18 safeguards over the nuclear industry.

19 You have to have electricity and you have
20 to have a lot of it. I wish I could afford Austin's
21 16 percent. But you have to have a lot of electricity
22 nowadays because of the way the population is, and if
23 you look at the last 40-50 years of power generation,
24 of gas-fired plants or coal-fired plants and how
25 hazardous they are to the environment and people, then

27-2 ALT

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1 I think you can't help but realize how safe nuclear
2 power is. The government has been using it to power
3 their vehicles in the military for a long time.

4 And there's no way that you can have a
5 perfect system when it's run by people and natural
6 disasters. Our greatest nuclear plant in the solar
7 system, the sun, has been operating for billions of
8 years and it has solar flare-ups, and we've been
9 fortunate that none of them have been too great to
10 impact us too greatly.

27-3 GEN

11 And in a smaller sense, our smaller
12 nuclear reactor here has the NRC as the buffer. As
13 our distance from the sun is the buffer that keeps us
14 safe, well, the NRC is the buffer against any calamity
15 happening at the nuclear plant.

16 So I think that it's the best power
17 generation -- not the best power generation because I
18 know you mentioned wind and solar and the tower that
19 you mentioned, and sure there's a lot better ways,
20 but on the scale that we need it and the timing that
21 we need it, what are you going to do? Are you going
22 to turn off all the lights and say let's wait till all
23 this other stuff gets developed? You can't do that.

27-4 ALT

24 And so I'm pleasantly happy that the
25 nuclear plant has done as well and has been as well

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General Comment

I attended the Environmental Scoping Meeting in Bay City last week. I would like to thank the NRC for hosting the meeting to allow comments. It was a very interesting process and I enjoyed the wide variety of comments that were presented.

Upon arriving in Palacios about six years ago, I was surprised to learn that we had a nuclear power plant in our school district. Of course at that time, I had the same concerns that many others have about nuclear power and the safety of it, and am guilty of joking about glowing plants and mutated animals. However through the years, I have been very satisfied to witness the safety of the plant. I have two STP employees on the school board who talk frequently about safety precautions that are taken. I have personally toured the plant during an outage and have also allowed students to tour the plant during outages. If I ever felt the safety of my students was at risk, I would never allow them to travel to the plant. Additionally, each year we are sent updated emergency procedures and contacts. I believe that the nuclear plant is an asset to our school district and community and do hope that the license is renewed.

28-1 GEN

If you should ever like to contact me or would like further information on my comments, do not hesitate to call or email me.

Sincerely,
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These reactors came online in 1988 and 1989, and they are set to retire in 2027 and 2028. I do not believe they should be relicensed to add another 20 years of operation for these reactors. 30 year old reactors are not safe.

29-1 OOS

The risks associated with continuing operations are too great. If there was an accident, Houston could not be able to evacuate in a timely manner to avoid harmful exposure.

There are safer alternative technologies that can replace the energy generated by these reactors.

29-2 ALT

Vast water consumption requirements for these reactors add a hidden cost to taxpayers, farmers, ranchers and other industries. As water becomes more scarce in Texas, this becomes a very high risk should there be a meltdown like Japan.

29-3 HYD

There is currently a leak in the bottom. What are the health implications to wildlife and people of this leak? When will it be fixed? They have not repaired this, how can they be trusted for another 20 years?

29-4 RAD

Whose backyard is the waste being transported through? Whose backyard is the waste being dumped?

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1)Why renew now with so much uncertainty about safety and 16 years before the present permit expires? 2) Well before 2027, we should have outgrown the need for nuclear power with clean alternative energy and conservation/efficiency.3)If nuclear power risks make sense why has it always been uninsurable since the 1950's? 4) We should phase out nuclear power over the next 15 years , not renew our commitment to it.

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Because of the troubled history of the South TX nuclear reactors, because the systems are not designed to last without major, expensive rebuilding, because the accidents (most recently in Japan) have only begun to illustrate what major effects are possible from a failed plant, I urge the denial of the relicensing of the STP. As a San Antonio resident, I value my community and know that we are committed to renewables and conservation, much better paths to the future on a sustainable planet.

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General Comment

In light of the nuclear disaster unfolding with the Fukushima nuclear reactors and considering that the aging reactors at STP are of the same design, I urge that the renewal application be rejected. The dangers from them aging, their design and operator failure are potentially too great to relicense them past their current license expirations. Hurricanes have been getting stronger and that presents yet another danger. We have been suffering for many years from drought conditions here in Texas. Given the huge amount of water needed for normal operation and to avert nuclear catastrophe, we would be better served to use the little water we have for agriculture and residential use. We should be investing in solar and wind and dismantling our aging reactors. Lastly, there is no way this can be justified as a result of the lack of safe storage for thousands and thousands of years of the nuclear waste. Please reject the renewal applications. The danger to our citizens is too great.

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General Comment

I oppose the continued licensing of STP 1 & 2. Uranium mining is a health issue. Nuclear waste remains a serious threat to future generations as well as the current population. We have seen from the situation in Japan what a power outage can do to a nuclear power plant.

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General Comment

Please do not approve the licensing. Nuclear waste is too dangerous.

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Submitter Information

General Comment

I would like to express my concerns with extending the license on these two units. This project has had a history of accidents that I find quite disturbing. I fear that these units, which are already 20 years old, will be a huge safety risk to our community. There are cheaper, and renewable ways to get our power and I would love to see Texas lead the way in these fields. Not continue to lead us down a dead end road with nuclear power. Just in recent years the gulf coast has been victim to several natural disasters. Let's take a lesson from the plants in japan and forget this huge risk to the safety of the people of Texas.

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To: Gallagher, Carol
Subject: NRC-2010-0375

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Dear Ms. Gallagher:

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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed license renewal/extension for South Texas Nuclear Project Plants 1 and 2. I was living in San Antonio when this project was debated and under construction. I will be moving back to San Antonio in the next year to retire. I have followed the history of STP for a long time.

I oppose extension of the licenses for these Units.

I believe Japan's current problems demonstrates the unacceptable risks the nuclear power industry poses to human health and safety. Similar leakages could occur at STP, with dire consequences to surrounding populations.

36-1 OOS

I believe American industry is equally prone to overstating its safety records, safety concerns, and competency, as JEPSCO has done in this crisis. I also know that there have been a number of serious, sometimes unreported, usually understated safety violations over the years at STP.

I also know, from following WCS in Andrews, Texas, that there is no safe disposal for LLRW, and still no safe disposal for the high level waste fuel rods such as are melting in Japan today.

36-2 WST

I have heard the news reports that the leakage of plutonium and cesium is not a cause for concern. As a physician interested in this area, I know that this is ridiculous. I remember how much polonium was required to assassinate a Russian person in the UK.

36-3 RAD

STP was predicted to last 30 years. I agree with the UCS bathtub curve. Start up and end of life times are the most dangerous. We see the increased cracks and problems as they age. Yankee Nuclear should be shut down after all the safety violations and water contamination. There is strong likelihood STP units will be in similar condition.

36-4 OOS

STP requires a large amount of cooling water to operate, critical, as seen in Japan. Texas is facing more and more serious water shortages, as population rises and global warming effects take place. The need for water for other purposes than STP will grow. STP should relinquish its water use, and shut down.

36-5 HYD

STP does not displace CO2 emissions. Other, truly renewable energy sources are much more highly developed now, and can replace STP. By scheduled renewal, nuclear energy will be totally unnecessary.

36-6 ALT

Please do NOT extend the licenses for these plants.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Gallagher:

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I have copied some of the facts below, but want to add my personal comments. In light of the disaster in Japan, and all of the other Nuke accidents and inspection complaints which are NOT publicized or fixed in an adequate way, to extend the life of these two Nukes would be height of stupidity. Remember Katrina (A Texas landfall would have been disastrous to the nukes) and the fact that environmental storms are increasing in their size and devastating nature, we can not afford to take the chance of letting these operate for an additional 20 years.

Do not be bought off by the Nuclear

industry.

Knowing banks will bet on a skunk race if they believe they can make a profit – the sub-prime crisis, credit swaps and the savings and loan debacle being prime examples - I am doubly dubious about backing the nuke because the major banks are refusing to bankroll new nukes unless the government gives them 100% coverage of debt. When pirates shy away from fleecing the public for lucrative profits, you just know it is a "pig in the poke".

37-1 OOS

James Jolly Clark

FACTS

These reactors came online in 1988 and 1989, and they are set to retire in 2027 and 2028. The re-licensing would add another 20 years of operation for these reactors.

Risks of an accident, fires, or explosions at one or more reactors at the site, risks that could increase with aging reactors NRC's 1982 CRAC 2 study found that there could be 18,000 early deaths if a serious accident occurred at the STP site.

37-2 SEV

Safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power exist today and should be used.

Vast consumption of water use, largely Colorado River water, which is increasingly needed for drinking water, livestock and farming.

37-3 HYD

The main cooling reservoir is leaking out the bottom. How and when will this be repaired?

Climate change – rising temperatures could affect whether there is enough cool water to cool the reactors.

There is no adequate solution for radioactive waste, so it makes sense to stop generating more.

37-4 WST

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Subject: Decommissioning of South Texas Project

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Dear Ms. Gallagher:

I want to see the Decommissioning of the South Texas Project Units 1 & 2, not the Re-licensing.

I guess supporters of that project will say these units are different and safer than the nuclear plants in Japan. But I do not want to wait until it is too late to find out!

We need to move toward heavy development of solar and wind regardless of the cost--they would be so much safer (and most likely cheaper in the long run, considering all the waste and other negatives of solar).

Sincerely,

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Subject: Decommission not Re-licensing of South Texas Project Units 1 & 2

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Dear Ms. Gallagher,

I want to see the Decommissioning of the South Texas Project Units 1 & 2, not the Re-licensing.

It makes much more sense to allow these plants to retire in 2027 and 2028 instead of adding another 20 years of operation for these reactors given all of the inherent public and ecological dangers, liability and cost to maintain, repair and mitigate the known hazards.

39-1 GEN

You can review a summary of the troubled history of these reactors online at www.NukeFreeTexas.org

Issues relevant to NOT re-license South Texas Project Units 1 & 2 include, but are not limited to:

Risks of an accident, fires, or explosions at one or more reactors at the site, risks that could increase with aging reactors. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's 1982 CRAC 2 study found that there could be 18,000 early deaths if a serious accident occurred at the STP site.

39-2 SEV

Safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power (in essence 'to boil water') exist today and should be used and funded, just like the Nuclear and Petroleum industries have been subsidized by the U.S. Government to the tune of BILLIONS of dollars annually.

39-3 ALT

Vast consumption of water use, largely Colorado River water, which is increasingly needed for drinking water, livestock and farming in an era of more frequent and lengthy periods of drought.

39-4 HYD

The main cooling reservoir is leaking out of the bottom: How and when will this be repaired?

Climate change considerations: The rising atmospheric temperatures could affect whether there is enough cool water to cool the reactors.

There is no adequate solution for radioactive waste, so it makes sense to stop generating more.

39-5 WST

Thank you for your hard work and consideration of these issues. **Please be sure to keep me informed as this regulatory process proceeds.**

Sincerely,

--
Bill Stout
Green Party of Texas

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Dear US NRC:

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I am writing regarding the South Texas Projects Units 1 & 2 Relicensing. NRC-2010-0375 DOCKET Nos. 50-498; 50-499.

I am asking that you do not re-license these two reactors for an additional 20 years. Nuclear power has some benefits, but it also has some risks as demonstrated by the recent disaster in Japan. At this point in time, I feel that the U.S. should move away from nuclear and oil as primary energy sources. Let's develop more renewable options. Also, as you know, nuclear power supplies require a lot of water for cooling purposes. Once again, the State of Texas is experiencing drought in 98% of its counties. Let's save the water for agricultural purposes.

40-1 OOS

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40-3 HYD

Thank you for considering my request.

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Dear Sir,

I am writing a request that re-licensing of South Texas Project Reactors 1 & 2 be halted for the following safety concerns regarding:

South Texas Project Units 1 & 2 Relicensing

MRC-2010-0375 DOCKET NOS. 50-498;

- the risks of an accident, fires or explosions at one or more reactors at site could increase with aging
- these reactors consume vast quantities of water, largely from the Colorado river, water that is needed for drinking water.

41-1 OOS

41-2 HYD

Thanks for your consideration,

Tarek Tousson

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To: Gallagher, Carol
Subject: Public comment for Document ID: NRC-2010-0375-0003

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The license renewal application is inadequate because it:

- Fails to adequately address the Applicant's capacity to deal with fires and explosions that cause a loss of large areas of the plant. The mitigative strategies for addressing fires and explosions are inadequate to address the consequences of events such as the impacts of large commercial aircraft crashing into the reactors or related facilities.
- Fails to describe the means that would be used to determine radiation exposures to fire and explosion responders.
- Fails to describe the means that would be used to protect fire and explosion responders from excessive radiation exposures.
- Fails to determine the projected decline in demand for electricity attributable to adoption of energy efficient building code in Texas. According to a study by the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, building codes that increase energy efficiency may result in an energy savings of approximately 2362 MW by 2023. Such savings would nearly offset the net electrical output of 2500 MW from STP Units 1 & 2.

42-1 SEV

42-2 EE

The applicant for license renewal is STPNOC - the South Texas Nuclear Operating Company. The Matagorda County nuclear reactors are owned by NRG South Texas LP, CPS Energy and the City of Austin (of which I am a resident). Austin gets 16% of its power from the two units.

These comments were also submitted online.

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. . . But green's the color of Spring
And green can be cool and friendly-like
And green can be big like an ocean, or important
Like a mountain, or tall like a tree"

- Kermit the Frog

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To: Gallagher, Carol
Subject: South Texas Nuclear projects

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Dear Ms. Gallagher:

I would like to ask that you recommend that the South Texas nuclear units 1 and 2 be decommissioned and their applications for renewal be denied.

43-1 OOS

As we have seen in the last few weeks, nuclear energy is not as safe as made out to be, and there are too many problems with disposal that have not been solved.

43-2 WST

Here in Texas we have a wonderful abundance of sun as well as wind, neither dependant on other countries. We should be making use of these natural resources which are safer, reduce use of scarce water, and can't be used as political weapons.

43-3 ALT

Sincerely,

Veryan Thompson

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To: Gallagher, Carol
Subject: License extension for South Texas Project 1 & 2

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I am opposed to the license extensions for Units 1 & 2 at the South Texas Project.

In light of the events in Japan in the last month, the NRC should delay any license extensions until the events that led to the problems at Fukushima Daiichi can be fully examined, and the Commission can determine that the South Texas reactors could not suffer the same kind of loss-of-power accident. The Commission should also study the spent fuel pools at South Texas to make sure that they have guaranteed back-up power in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

44-1 OOS

In addition, the existing South Texas units need to be evaluated to see if they will need to be modified to meet the newly proposed cooling water requirements that the Environmental Protection Agency announced this week.

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Re-licensing of South Texas Project Units 1 & 2

Additional SEED Coalition Comments Regarding Re-licensing of South Texas Project Reactors 1 & 2

There are many issues of concern regarding re-licensing of STP Reactors 1 & 2. We oppose re-licensing and believe the reactors should be shut down by their original retirement dates – in 2027 and 2028, or sooner and that adding 20 more years of operation could lead to unsafe conditions.

45-1 OOS

At least one of the troubled Fukushima reactors in Japan had just been re-licensed, and the situation would likely have been less severe if this reactor had been decommissioned.

SEED Coalition has previously submitted comments as intervenors and provided oral comments at a public hearing. We would like to again raise concerns about the risks of an accident, fires, or explosions at one or more reactors at the site, risks that could increase with aging reactors.

45-2 SEV

We are all too aware of the fact that meltdowns can and do happen, and a recent Union of Concerned Scientists report notes that there were 14 near misses in the U.S. in 2010. NRC's 1982 CRAC 2 study found that there could be 18,000 early deaths if a serious accident occurred at the ST(N)P site, followed by thousands of cancers.

45-3 ALT

Safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power exist today and should be used. We should not be subjected to worrying about radioactive contamination – just to generate electricity. We should not have to worry about terrorists attacking a radioactive energy generation source, and we don't have these worries with solar, geothermal, natural

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gas or wind power. These forms of energy generation, combined with energy efficiency and ever improving methods of storage, could easily replace the electricity generated by Units 1 & 2. When these units have been down due to problems or fuel replacement, it did not cause problems with the grid or lead to blackouts. We can replace the generation of these units with safer, cleaner technologies.

**45-3 ALT
cont.**

These reactors consume vast quantities of water use, largely Colorado River water, which is increasingly needed for drinking water, livestock and farming. Drought is expected to increase in our region. We are concerned that there will not be adequate water to cool the reactors in an emergency, or that the water will not be cool enough to effectively cool the reactors. Some U.S. reactors have had to shut down due to high water temperatures, and this could scenario could worsen with climate change impacts, leaving us with a dangerous situation and a shortage of power during intense heat waves.

45-4 HYD

The main cooling reservoir is leaking out the bottom, as documented in the license application for STP 3 & 4. The reactors should not be re-licensed when this serious condition remains unresolved. How and when will this be repaired? What studies have been done by the NRC on this serious problem? How can re-licensing even be considered until this situation is corrected? Where is the water going, and how extensive is the radioactivity that may be leaking into the Gulf of Mexico and/or Colorado River?

It is time to stop generating more radioactive waste since there is no safe storage and disposal solution, even after attempts have been made for some sixty years. Re-licensing would the creation of waste. There may not be enough room for even the so-called "low-level" radioactive waste at the planned West Texas radioactive waste dump, since there is an attempt to allow Out of Compact waste and the volume and curies limits may be reached long before all STP waste could be shipped. There is still no "high-level" repository for spent fuel rods.

45-5 WST

We are concerned about increasing tritium levels in wells on site and in the Colorado River. Extensive testing should occur for all organisms in the region, and exposure of whooping cranes to tritium and other radionuclides should be examined since they are an endangered species and their winter grounds are only 35 miles from the STP site.

45-6 RAD

45-7 ECO

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Dear Ms. Gallagher,

It is unfortunate that my attention to this matter was not begun sooner, (I learned of it only this evening from an e-mail sent earlier this afternoon) as I was unaware that the re-licensing process was underway, and hope that I have not missed today's deadline for commenting as a public citizen.

Regarding the proposed re-licensing (Docket ID # NRC-2010-375) of South Texas Project Units 1 & 2, I do not understand the need for going forward with this action over 16 years before their planned service period ends. At least delay this until next year, that more scientific information will be available as a result of studies of the Japan disaster, and a better true-cost evaluation can be made.

It makes much more sense to retire these plants as planned in 2027 and 2028, instead of trying to extend their use another 20 years, given the rapidly evolving technology of this decade that will likely make them obsolete. I'm opposed to their continuation for all the usual reasons, that any kind of accident and even a Category 4 or 5 hurricane-induced storm surge could remove external supports such as cooling ponds or water access (and who knows what hammering debris-laden waves on top of the storm surge could do), plus disposal of nuclear waste — no human technology is foolproof and totally isolated for thousands of years!

For alternative energy sources, and a way to get the USA off foreign oil dependence that is costing us both in trade balance and military costs, see the downloadable document describing achievable ecological solutions for all these needs:

http://phoenixprojectfoundation.us/uploads/USA_Article_V_SHE_Document.pdf

Thank you for your hard work, and consideration of these issues. Please be sure to keep me informed as this regulatory process proceeds.

Sincerely,
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General Comment

I beseech you to not extend the life of STNP Reactors 1 & 2.
For public safety and environmental reasons, the continuation of this cannot be justified.

Aging plants that are at risk of failures or explosions should not be kept active.

As we have seen in Japan, being able to keep the reactors cool is essential for public safety and the integrity of the process. We have limited access to fresh water that can be used for this facility - the priority should be for drinking water, livestock and farming.

I understand that the main cooling reservoir is leaking out the bottom. How and when will this be repaired?

At the most fundamental level we cannot justify generating more radioactive waste when there is no adequate solution for dealing with it.

We have safer and cleaner ways to generate the same power - THAT is where our money and attention need to be directed.

Respectfully,
Brandi Clark Burton

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- Fails to adequately address the Applicant's capacity to deal with fires and explosions that cause a loss of large areas of the plant. The mitigative strategies for addressing fires and explosions are inadequate to address the consequences of events such as the impacts of large commercial aircraft crashing into the reactors or related facilities.
- Fails to describe the means that would be used to determine radiation exposures to fire and explosion responders.
- Fails to describe the means that would be used to protect fire and explosion responders from excessive radiation exposures.
- Fails to determine the projected decline in demand for electricity attributable to adoption of energy efficient building code in Texas. According to a study by the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, building codes that increase energy efficiency may result in an energy savinof approximately 2362 MW by 2023. Such savings would nearly offset the net electrical output of 2500 MW from STP Units 1 & 2.

48-1 SEV

48-2 EE

The applicant for license renewal is STPNOC - the South Texas Nuclear Operating Company. The Matagorda County nuclear reactors are owned by NRG South Texas LP, CPS Energy and the City of Austin (of which I am a resident). Austin gets 16% of its power from the two units.

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Gallagher, Carol

From: Eric Lane [eflane@swbell.net]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 1:05 PM
To: Gallagher, Carol
Subject: Docket ID # NRC-2010-375

Dear Ms. Gallagher, absolutely not. To renew STP for another 20 years is gambling with the lives of Americans. The Japanese disaster is a red alert that we cannot continue down the nuclear path. There are safer, cleaner alternatives to generate the same power that exists today and we should commit the country to use them. Every nuclear power plant is a potential disaster waiting to happen and every nuclear power plant is a long term disaster by the toxic waste they generate. Do not renew the life spans of any nuclear power plant in this country.

49-1 OOS
49-2 ALT
49-3 WST

Thank you,

Eric Lane
330 Quentin Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78201
210-732-6564
210-732-5859 Fax
eflane@swbell.net

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To whom it may concern:

This letter is in regards to the South Texas Project Units 1&2 Relicensing,
NRC-2010-0375 Docket Nos. 50-498:50-499.

Looking at recent events that we are dealing with in Japan, I see no reason to extend the life of these reactors. The risks far out weigh the benefits. With age things tend to break down causing accidents and fires. With other ways to produce power, that is safer and cleaner I see no reason to put more money into this cause.

50-1 OOS

Therefore I am asking that the re-licensing of these reactors be halted immediately.

Taxpayer,

Jenna Findley

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop 011-F1, Washington D.C. 20555

Regarding: South Texas Project Units 1 & 2 Relicensing,
NRC-2010-0375 DOCKET NOS. 50-498; 50-499

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you with concerns about the relicensing of two South Texas nuclear reactors. The relicensing of these two reactors for an additional twenty years should be halted for safety reasons. The risks of an accident, fires, or explosions at one or more reactors at the site could increase with aging reactors. Safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power exist today and should be used. Studies have found that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, which are abundant in Texas, could replace the power generated by these two old nuclear reactors. These reactors consume vast quantities of water use, largely from the Colorado River, water that is needed for drinking water, livestock, and farming. There is no adequate solution for radioactive waste, so it makes no sense to continue generating more.

Please do not re-license the two South Texas nuclear reactors.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Margaret Reed
Margaret Reed

8802 Honeysuckle Trail
Austin, TX 78759

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- 51-2 ALT**
- 51-3 HYD**
- 51-4 WST**

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To: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

In light of the recent tragedy in Japan we are writing to plead your cooperation in halting the re-licensing of the South Texas Project nuclear reactors.

52-1 OOS

Based on what we've read these two reactors have had trouble in the past and put Texas citizens at a great risk.

NOW is the time to make a commitment to safer and renewable energy sources.

52-2 ALT

Sincerely,

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Scott and Cyndy Reynolds

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Scott Reynolds
Cyndy Reynolds

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To Whom It May Concern:

- The re-licensing of these two reactors for an additional twenty years should be halted for safety reasons, particularly in light of the recent events in Japan.
- The risks of an accident, fires, or explosions at one or more reactors at the site could increase with aging reactors.
- Safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power exist today and should be used. Studies have found that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, which are abundant in Texas, could replace the power generated by these two old nuclear reactors.
- These reactors consume vast quantities of water use, largely from the Colorado River, water that is needed for drinking water, livestock and farming.
- There is no adequate solution for radioactive waste so it makes no sense to continue generating more.

53-1 OOS

53-2 ALT

53-3 HYD

53-4 WST

Sincerely,

Jennifer Meador
8506 Silver Ridge Drive
Austin, TX 78759

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March 30, 2011

Austin City Hall
301 West 2nd Street
Austin, TX 78701-3906

Dear U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

The re-licensing of the South Texas Project Units 1&2 should be halted for the safety of Texas residents and the environment.

The reactors would affect the Austin area by consuming vast quantities of our drinking water from the Colorado River and creating even more radioactive waste. There are safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power available today and these should be used instead of nuclear energy.

Also, the risk of an accident, fire, or explosions could increase with aging reactors. There is no adequate solution for radioactive waste, so it makes no sense to continue generating more.

Sincerely,



Joy Malacara
1412 Choquette Dr
Austin, TX 78757

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To: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

It is our request that the re-licensing of South Texas Project Reactors 1 & 2 be halted for an additional twenty years because of the following:

55-1 OOS

-the risks of an accident, fires, or explosions at one or more reactors at the site could increase with aging reactors;

-safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power exist today and should be used. Studies have found that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, which are abundant in Texas, could replace the power generated by these two old nuclear reactors;

55-2 ALT

-these reactors consume vast quantities of water use, largely from the Colorado River, water that is needed for drinking water, livestock and farming;

55-3 HYD

-and there is no adequate solution for radioactive waste, so it makes no sense to continue generating more.

55-4 WST

Thank you for your consideration. Our community wants to ensure that our environment is as safe as it possibly can be.

Melanie and David Winters

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Please write letters to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to request that re-licensing of South Texas Project Reactors 1 & 2 be halted:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop O11-F1,
Washington D.C. 20555

Suggested points to make:

*I REJECT THESE ARGUMENTS.
I SUPPORT NUCLEAR POWER.
JRC/Chadler
3/22/11*

56-1 GEN

Include:
Regarding South Texas Project Units 1 & 2 Relicensing.
NRC-2010-0375 DOCKET NOS. 50-498; 50-499

- The re-licensing of these two reactors for an additional twenty years should be halted for safety reasons.
- The risks of an accident, fires, or explosions at one or more reactors at the site could increase with aging reactors.
- Safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power exist today and should be used. Studies have found that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, which are abundant in Texas, could replace the power generated by these two old nuclear reactors.
- These reactors consume vast quantities of water use, largely from the Colorado River, water that is needed for drinking water, livestock and farming.
- There is no adequate solution for radioactive waste, so it makes no sense to continue generating more.

If you have time, please put these points in your own, respectful wording.
Please address and stamp your letters and leave outside by 8 o'clock, tonight.
To view/download a sample letter or get more involved, please visit www.TexasEnvironment.org

Jessica

10:

March 29, 2011

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop 011-F1
Washington, DC 20555

Re: Relicensing of South Texas
Project Units 1 & 2 -
NRC-2010-0375

Docket NOS 50-498; 50-499

Due to my concerns about
radioactive waste and danger
to the environment and personal
safety, I strongly urge that
relicensing of these units
be halted.

57-1 GEN

I believe there are alternative
ways to generate power and
support a move to implement
these.
Christine Fay

57-2 ALT

3-30-2011

To: Hon. (Case)

In view of current events.
"Black out" in Japan
I think the South Sea
Project Units 1 & 2 should be
rebuilt, replace before
recommencing.

58-1 OOS

Lone A. Slagle
1708 Morrow St
Austin, Tex 78757-1807

March 28, 2011

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Washington DC 20555

Regarding South Texas Project Units 1+2
Re-licensing
NCR-2010-0375 DOCKET NOS. 50-498; 50-499

I believe the re-licensing of these two reactors should be halted for safety reasons. There are safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate power! Leave the Colorado River for other purposes - drinking, livestock and farming. Until there is an adequate solution for radioactive waste, we should not continue to generate more.

59-1 GEN

59-2 ALT

59-3 HYD

59-4 WST

Sincerely,
Carolyn Campbell
Austin, TX

TO whom it may concern at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; MARCH 30, 2011

This letter is regarding the South TX Projects units 1 & 2 Relicensing [NRC-2010-0375 Docket Nos. 50-498; 50-499 respectively]. Please do not re-license these reactors for an additional 20 years. If the crisis in Japan or last year's Gulf Oil spill has taught our nation anything it is that we will be defeated by nature if we continue our careless energy practices.

60-1 OOS

Please help protect Americans, Texans, all human beings that come into contact with the Texas Colorado River from having it depleted by renewing these reactors licenses to continue consuming vast quantities. Protect the waterways from being poisoned in the event of an emergency at nuclear plants.

60-2 HYD

Texas is ready for a new way to power our lives, give Texans a chance for a cleaner, safer form of energy, by not Relicensing these reactors.

60-3 ALT

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Bryan Dunlap
Bryan Dunlap

Todd Rinehart
Todd Rinehart

← two Americans concerned about the environment about the registration cards. Home of the Peas & Ham of the Belt.

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Mail Stop O11-F1
Washington, D.C. 20555

Peggy Cravens
2704 Pinewood Terrace
Austin, Texas, 78757
March 30, 2011

Regarding South Texas Project Units 1&2 Relicensing,
NRC-2010-0375 Docket Nos. SA 498; SA 499

The re-licensing of these two reactors for an additional twenty years should be halted for safety reasons.

61-1 GEN

There are safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power that exist today and should be used. Studies have found that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, which are abundant in Texas, could replace the power generated by these two old reactors.

61-2 ALT

61-3 EE

There is no adequate solution for radioactive waste, so it makes no sense to continue generating more.

61-4 WST

Sincerely,

Peggy Cravens

To: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop 011-F1
Washington D.C. 20555

Regarding South Texas Project Units 1 & 2 Relicensing,
NRC-2610-0375 DOCKET NOS. 50-498; 50-499

- The relicensing of these two reactors for an additional twenty years should be halted for safety reasons. **62-1 OOS**
- The risk of an accident, fires, or explosions at one or more reactors at the site could increase with aging reactors. **62-2 ALT**
- Safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power exist today and should be used. Studies have found that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, which are abundant in Texas, could replace the power generated by these two old nuclear reactors. **62-3 EE**
- These reactors consume large quantities of water use, largely from the Colorado River, water that is needed for drinking water, livestock, and farming. **62-4 HYD**
- There is no adequate solution for radioactive waste, so it makes no sense to continue generating more. **62-5 WST**

Sincerely,
Shannon Jurak
5701 Marilyn Drive
Austin, Texas 78757

Regarding S. Texas Project Unit 1 & 2 Re-licensing,
NRC - 2010-0375 Docket NOS 50-498
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Please: The Re-licensing of
these two reactors should be
HALTED for safety reasons

pleas see: JAPAN

- The risks of fires + explosions
is huge

63-1 OOS

- Too much water is used
to cool the reactors!

63-2 HYD

- Too much water is used
it's dangerous

- What about the waste??

63-3 WST

Radioactive waste is terrible
to contend with

Thank you for reading!
Thomas Nelson

Regarding S. Texas Project Unit 1+2 Relicensing.
NRC - 2010 0375 Docket NOS 50-498/50-499

Please! The Relicensing of these two
Reactors should be

64-1 OOS

The risks of fires + explosions
is too great!

Too much water is wasted!

Way too much H₂O daily to cool it!
These damn dangerous Radioactive Waste!
is not safe. What are you
going to do w/ the Radioactive Waste?

64-2 WST

Then goes the drinking water - All gone
& toxic! Great.

64-3 HYD

Please do not relicense these two
Nuclear Reactors.
Thomas Nehms

Gallagher, Carol

From: pryors02@suddenlink.net
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 2:47 AM
To: Gallagher, Carol
Subject: power plants

dear ms gallagher please do not fund south texas power plants. Please delay all nuclear funding or rebewing power plants. JAPAN HAS BEEN A WAKE UP CALL TO STOP NUCLEAR AND FIND BETTER SOLUTIONS DONT WAIT TOO LATE TO END THIS DEVASTATION TO OUR EARTH AND PLANET . SHOW US THE NRC REALLY CARES FOR OUR PLANET AND ITS PEOPLE. SAY NO TO SOUTH TEXAS POWER PLANT. PEGGY PRYOR

1420 NW 12TH
ANDREWS TEXAS 79714
432-523-4550

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THE JAPANESE NUCLEAR DIS-
ASTER IS EVIDENCED THAT "SAFE"
POWER IS NOT AVAILABLE IN
SUCH POWER PLANTS.

WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO
DRINK OUR (EVER) LIMITED WATER
RESOURCES TO SUPPORT NUCLEAR
POWER RESOURCES.

WE ARE FACING AN
ANTICIPATED DEFICIT OVER AT
THIS RATE IN LATE MARCH 2011.

RENEWABLE ENERGY, WIND,
SOLAR, PLASMA, WIS & STORE, FINANCIAL
MOVES FOR PURCHASE OF WIND
SOURCES TO GAIN IN TOTAL ELECTRICAL
POWERED WIND IS A SUGGESTION.

66-1 OOS

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U.S. Nuclear Reg. Commission,

Please make sure all safety standards are followed in regards to the Regarding South Texas Project Units 1 & 2
NRC 2010-0375 Docket Nos. 50-498; 50-499 ^{Relicensing}.

* Halt for safety reasons.

Ageing reactors must be held to higher safety standards before a tragedy occurs.

* We count on you to watch out for our best interest so please make sure the correct action is taken. Stop the reactors and help ensure we are all safe.

* The vast amount of water taken up by these reactors is very much needed for other purposes.
Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Maria Nolan

67-1 OOS

67-2 HYD



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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

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Dear Ms. Bladey:

I am writing to strongly support the license renewal for an additional 20 years of Units 1 and 2 at the South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company in Matagorda County.

STP is the largest employer in Matagorda County with more than 1200 employees and for 30 years has been a key part of the County and local communities. The company's employees are active in the local community serving on school boards, chambers and in civic and service organizations.

For over 20 years STP's existing units have supplied safe, clean and reliable energy to more than two million Texas homes while also providing permanent, well-paying jobs. The facility is a recognized industry leader in production, reliability and safety as well as being focused and committed to the safety of its employees and the surrounding communities.

I believe nuclear energy plays an important role in the long-term energy future of Texas. There is a growing recognition of nuclear energy's environmental benefits and its role in providing much needed generating capacity in our state for many years to come.

I strongly support the license renewal for Units 1 and 2 at STP and urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's favorable consideration.

Please know that I and my staff stand ready to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,

State Representative Randy Weber
District 29

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Beth Ann Larsen
8843 Honeysuckle Trail
Austin, Texas 78759

March 28, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: South Texas Project Units 1 & 2 Relicensing

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The re-licensing of these two reactors for an additional twenty years should be halted for safety reasons. The risks of an accident, fires or explosions at one or more reactors at the site could increase with aging reactors.

68-1 OOS

I ask for your very careful analysis of this situation and protect the citizens of Texas.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Beth Ann Larsen

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8408 Silver Ridge Drive
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Re: South Texas Project Units 1 & 2 Relicensing, NRC-2010-0375 DOCKET NOS. 50-498; 50-499

To Whom It May Concern:

The re-licensing of these two reactors for an additional twenty years should be halted for safety reasons.

69-1 OOS

The risks of an accident, fires, or explosions at one or more reactors at the site could increase the aging reactors.

Safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power exist today and should be used. Studies have found that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, which are abundant in Texas, could replace the power generated by these two old nuclear reactors.

69-2 ALT

69-3 EE

There is no adequate solution for radioactive waste, so it makes no sense to continue generating more.

69-4 WST

Sincerely,


Dzan Nguyen

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6120 Rickey
Austin TX 78757

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Re: Re-licensing STNP Units 1 & 2
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Docket #s 50-498; 50-499

These should not be approved due to their age and design.

There is no adequate storage that will not affect our water supply.

Just like Japan, it cannot happen here – until it does.

70-1 OOS

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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

(51)

I and my family are urging you to stop the relicensing of south Texas project reactors 1 & 2. Safety reasons are our main concern. With age the risk of accident, fire, or explosion increases. In addition nuclear reactors use large quantities of water, water that could be used for drinking, livestock and farming. There is no solution for the disposal of radioactive waste, so it makes no sense to continue generating more.

71-1 OOS

71-2 HYD

71-3 WST

Thank you for your time & consideration

Sincerely

The Aguilar Family

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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

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I and my family are urging you to stop the re-licensing of south Texas project reactors 1 and 2. Safety reasons are the most concern. The risk of an accident, fire, or explosion increases with the age of the reactors. There are safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power that produce less harmful wastes. Nuclear power should be as clean as possible, but we cannot achieve this with by using aged reactors.

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

The Aguilar family

Juan Aguilar

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DOUGLAS McARTHUR

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Home: (512) 452-2608
Cell: (512) 971-0566
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OFFICE OF THE
GENERAL COUNSEL

Re: South Texas Project Units 1 & 2 Re-licensing
NRC-2010-0375 DOCKET NOS 50-498: 50-499

Dear Madam/Sir:

I have serious concerns regarding the re-licensing of the above-referenced units of the South Texas Project. While these concerns deal mainly with operational and waste -related safety, I am, in addition, opposed to Texas increasing reliance on nuclear power generation due to high and uncertain cost.

73-1 OOS

Rather than pushing for more water-consuming nuclear power plants, Texas needs to focus more on the development of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.

While many promises are made as to the safety of nuclear power, recent history demands we not place too much reliance on them. Some things do not readily lend themselves to engineering solutions. I believe nuclear power is one of those things, and thus am opposed to the requested re-licensing.

73-2 ALT

Sincerely,



Douglas S. McArthur

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Dear U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

I have recently become the father of a wonderful baby boy. It is my duty to give him the best and safest possible future. I am writing regarding South Texas Project Units 1 & 2 Relicensing, NRC-2010-0375 Docket NOS. 50-498; 50-499. To ensure the safety of my family and other Texas families I believe the re-licensing of these two reactors for an additional twenty years should be halted for safety reasons. There are safer and cleaner alternatives than outdated reactors. These alternatives (solar, wind, etc...) should be strongly considered. All I can really ask is that Texas's best interests into consideration. Thank you for your time and have a great day

74-1 ALT

- Shawn Tracy

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Re: South Texas Project Units 1 & 2 Relicensing, NRC-2010-0375
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To Whom It May Concern:

-The re-licensing of these two reactors for an additional twenty years should be halted for safety reasons.

75-1 OOS

-The risks of an accident, fires, or explosions at one or more reactors at the site could increase with aging reactors.

-These reactors consume vast quantities of water use, largely from the Colorado River, water that is needed for drinking water, livestock and farming.

75-2 HYD

-There is no adequate solution for radioactive waste, so it makes no sense to continue generating more.

75-3 WST

Sincerely,
Kelly Simon
Kelly Simon
9100 Wildridge #101
Austin, TX 78759

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The relicensing of these two reactors for an
additional twenty years should be halted for safety reasons

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Jeremy N. West

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DEAR SIR,

I AM WRITING IN REGARD TO THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT UNITS 1 AND 2 RELICENSING,
NRC-2010-0375 DOCKET NOS. 50-498; 50-499

SINCE WE ARE NOT IN THE KNOW ABOUT THE CONDITIONS AND SAFETY OF THESE REACTORS I AM ASKING TO NOT RE-LICENSING AT THIS TIME.

77-1 OOS

THERE ARE SAFER AND CLEANER WAYS TO GENERATE POWER TODAY THAT WE NEED TO SUPPOT AND USE. RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES ARE EVERYWHERE IN TEXAS AND COULD REPLACE MORE DANGEROUSE SOURCES IF FUNDED AND SUPPORTED. ANOTHER FACTOR TO THINK ABOUT I THE HUGE AMOUNT OF WATER USED IN THE REACTORS. THE WATER FROM THE COLORADO RIVER IS NEEDED TO FARMING, CATTLE AND FAMILIES. ARE WE NOT JUST CREATING ANOTHER PROBLEM BY USING ENERGY SOURCES THAT USE SO MUCH WATER?

77-2 ALT

RADIOACTIVE WASTE IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A BIG PROBLEM SO WHY WOULD WE GO IN THAT DIRECTION. LEADERSHIP AND CREATING THINKING IS NEEDED AT THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY. PLEASE BE PART OF SOLVING PROBLEMS AND NOT ADDING NEW PROBLEMS.

77-3 WST

MRS. JUDY MOORE

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To whom it may concern:

I would like to see a halt to the relicensing of existing Old South Texas Project Nuclear reactors.

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Thank you.

Signed  Cynthia Gebhardt

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Re: South Texas Project Units 1 & 2 Relicensing, NRC-2010-0375 DOCKET NOS. 50-498; 50-499

To Whom It May Concern:

The re-licensing of these two reactors for an additional twenty years should be halted for safety reasons.

79-1 OOS

The risks of an accident, fires, or explosions at one or more reactors at the site could increase the aging reactors.

Safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power exist today and should be used. Studies have found that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, which are abundant in Texas, could replace the power generated by these two old nuclear reactors.

79-2 ALT

There is no adequate solution for radioactive waste, so it makes no sense to continue generating more.

79-3 WST

Sincerely,

Rory Holcomb

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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

I am writing in regards to the South Texas Project Units 1 & 2 Licensing, NRC-2010-0375 Docket Nos. 50-498; 50-499

My family and I feel that the re-licensing of these two reactors for an additional twenty years should be halted for safety reasons. The risks of accident, fire, or explosions at one or more reactors at the site could increase with aging reactors. Safer, cleaner alternative ways to generate the same power exist today, should be used. Studies have found that energy efficient, renewable resources, which are abundant in Texas, could replace the power generated by these two old nuclear reactors. These reactors consume vast quantities of water use, largely from the Colorado River, water that is needed for drinking water, livestock, & farming. There is no adequate solution for radioactive waste, so it makes no sense to continue generating more. Please take these thoughts into consideration before pursuing re-licensing.

Regards, Erica Bender

80-1-OOS

80-2 ALT

80-3 EE

80-4 HYD

80-5 WST

D. Consultation correspondences

TABLE 2: Consultation Correspondences

Affiliation (If Stated)	Source	ADAMS Accession Number
Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma	Internet	ML110490057
NMFS/NOAA	E-mail	ML110690848
Apalachicola Creek Indians	Letter	ML110750424
National Park Service	E-mail	ML110910179
Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas	Letter	ML110980503
Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan Nation	E-mail	ML11111A134
Texas Parks and Wildlife	Letter	ML11119A009

These consultations are addressed in Appendix D of the SEIS.

Consultation Letters, E-mails, and Internet Submittals

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Docket: NRC-2010-0375

Notice of Receipt and Availability of Application for Renewal of Facility Operating License

Comment On: NRC-2010-0375-0003

STP Nuclear Operating Company; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct the Scoping Process for South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2

Document: NRC-2010-0375-DRAFT-0001

Comment on FR Doc # 2011-01904

Submitter Information

Name: Miranda Allen

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Government Agency: Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma

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General Comment

Date: February 15, 2011

Regarding the request for comments concerning the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, license renewal application review.

The Tonkawa Tribe has no specifically designated historical or cultural sites identified in the above listed project area. However if any human remains, funerary objects, or other evidence of historical or cultural significance is inadvertently discovered then the Tonkawa Tribe would certainly be interested in proper disposition thereof. We appreciate notification by your office of the many projects on-going, and as always the Tonkawa Tribe is willing to work with your representatives in any manner to uphold the provisions of NAGPRA to the extent of our capability.

Respectfully,

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From: Teletha Mincey [Teletha.Mincey@noaa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 1:29 PM
To: Tran, Tam
Subject: South Texas Project <a e>
Attachments: Texas.pdf

Hello:

In response to NRC's letter dated February 16, 2011, attached is a listing of species under the National Marine Fisheries Service's jurisdiction. Also, please checkout the website below for further information. Thank you.

<http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pr.htm>

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Monday, March 7, 2011

Subject: Apalachicola Council Comments On South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, License Renewal Application

Dear Branch Chief,

Thank you this opportunity to review and comment letter dated February 17, 2011. The Apalachicola Elder Council find this an important task as we have suffered historic and cultural losses despite existing promises under Environmental Policy Law. Therefore, we preface our comments with the following preamble:

Whereas the Apalachicola Town known as Red Ground Town, Econchatte Micco the Chief, was destroyed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build the Jim Woodruff Dam in 1957 located at the confluence of the Flint, Chattahoochee and Apalachicola Rivers in Alabama, Georgia and Florida, and

Whereas, the Apalachicola Indian Cemetery, previously located on Indian Hill near the City of Livingston in Polk County, Texas, was excavated by approval of the Trinity River Authority in 1969 sending the remains of our Apalachicola ancestors and Hereditary Chief John Blount to the bottom of the Trinity River thence to the Gulf of Mexico and without protection and guarantees of the Environmental Protection Act, and

Whereas the Apalachicola Creek Indians have been in Texas since 1834 and have suffered cultural and historic losses in modern times despite legislative protections, we admit our comments today are sincere but tempered by painful experience. None the less, we cling to the hope that the Nuclear Regulation Agency will do no further harm to any Texas Residents, to the general environment we call home or to the historical and cultural sites not previously or thoroughly examined by non Native Anthropologists and literary scholars.

Revised Preamble

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Gallagher, Carol

From: Julie_Sharpe@nps.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:02 PM
To: Gallagher, Carol
Cc: WASO_EQD_ExtRev@nps.gov; lisa_treichel@ios.doi.gov
Subject: ER-11/0091 -- STP Nuclear Operating Co; South TX Project, Units 1 & 2 -- NO COMMENTS

The National Park Service has reviewed the STP Nuclear Operating Company Project in South Texas, and has determined that no park units will be affected; therefore we have no comments.

Thank you!
Julie

Julie Sharp
Environmental Protection Assistant
National Park Service - Intermountain Regional Office Denver, CO ph 303.987.6705

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Re: **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS CONCERNING THE SOUTH TEXAS
PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW**

Dear Sir(s):

Thank you for your letter dated on February 23, 2011, regarding your request for comments concerning the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2; License Application Review.

Thank you for advising us about the proposed action. The Kickapoo Nation values its traditions and customs so we appreciate your taking the time to ask for our input in this matter. By keeping the lines of communication open we can peacefully co-exist yet attend to our respective businesses.

We do not have any comments or questions regarding said project, as we are unaware of any tribal sites in this area, therefore it does not affect our interests in any way. Furthermore, the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas wishes you success in your endeavor.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Juan Garza, Jr., Chairman

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April 1, 2011

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Re: Docket ID NRC-2010-0305

To whom it may concern:

The Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan Nation is grateful for the opportunity to provide comments concerning the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, license renewal application review.

We are concerned with the renewal of this license because of the project's location and proximity to historical French and Spanish colonial settlements. Our ancestral relatives were brought into these settlements, and we their descendants continue to have deep cultural roots and ties to the land.

More specifically, we are concerned that archeological data of a third site, as mentioned in Attachment D of the Applicant's Environmental Report (September 2010) is missing from the records. Before any consideration is given to the renewal of this license, we recommend that a new archeological investigation to this third site be conducted.

In a global context, a nuclear disaster similar to the one occurring in Japan would make our deep cultural roots and ties to the land inaccessible for an undetermined length of time. We want to be assured that adequate safeguards are in place in order to prevent a repeat of the tragedy in Japan. For example, in Japan there were no alternate sources of power to run the water pumps that would cool off the reactors which caused radiation to leak and contaminate the surrounding areas for miles. This would be disastrous not only to our cultural heritage, but to all the people of South Texas.

It is our intention to continue researching how our Nation's families and culture will be impacted by the renewal of the license. In conjunction with upcoming public meetings and publication, we intend to continue providing input and comments.

Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan
Tribal Council

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Once again we are grateful for your thoughtfulness of our cultural roots and ties to the land, including the abovementioned comments, before approving a license renewal to the STP Units 1 and 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond Hernandez
Cultural Preservation Officer
Tap Pilam-Coahuiltecan Nation
American Indians in Texas
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RE: Proposed license renewal of the South Texas Project Units 1 & 2, Matagorda County, Texas.

Dear Mr. Pham:

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has received your request for information regarding potential impacts to threatened and endangered species and for information on other issues of concern relating to the project referenced above. Under section 12.0011 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, TPWD is charged with "providing recommendations that will protect fish and wildlife resources to local, state, and federal agencies that approve, permit, license, or construct developmental projects" and "providing information on fish and wildlife resources to any local, state, and federal agencies or private organizations that make decisions affecting those resources."

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reviewing an application submitted by the South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) for the renewal of the operating license for the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2. STP is located in Matagorda County, approximately 70 miles south-southwest of Houston.

Carter P. Smith
Executive Director

For the purpose of license renewal, STPNOC stated that STP, Units 1 and 2, operating under renewed licenses, would use existing plant facilities and transmission lines and that no new construction or changes in operation are proposed. In addition, the license renewal application preparation did not identify the need to undertake any major refurbishment or replacement actions to maintain the functionality of the STP systems, structures, and components during the period of extended operation.

Based upon the project description, TPWD does not anticipate significant adverse impacts to rare, threatened or endangered species, or other fish and wildlife resources. However, if the project scope changes and new construction becomes proposed as part of the license renewal process, TPWD requests the opportunity to provide additional comments.

TPWD County Lists

To aid in the preparation of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed relicensing project, TPWD recommends the use of the county list for rare species in Matagorda County. The TPWD county lists for rare species may be obtained from the following link: <http://gis.tpwd.state.tx.us/TpwEndangeredSpecies/DesktopDefault.aspx>. These lists provide information regarding rare species that have potential to occur within each county.

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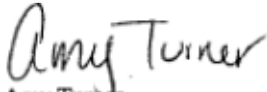
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TPWD appreciates the opportunity to work with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to ensure these projects are developed in the most environmentally sensitive manner as is possible. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Amy Turner at (361) 576-0022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Turner".

Amy Turner
Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program
Wildlife Division

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