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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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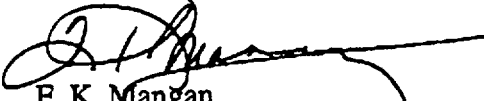
South Texas Project  
Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. STN 50-498 and STN 50-499  
Supplemental Information Regarding Application for Order and  
Conforming Administrative Amendments for Transfers of Licenses

Reference: Letter, J. J. Sheppard to S. J. Collins, "Application for Order and Conforming Administrative Amendments for Transfers of Licenses," May 31, 2001 (NOC-AE-01001112)

On behalf of Reliant Energy, Inc. (formerly known as Houston Lighting & Power Company and referred to herein as Reliant Energy), STP Nuclear Operating Company submits the following supplemental information regarding its Application for Order and Conforming Administrative Amendments for Transfers of Licenses (Application) submitted in the referenced letter. The pending license transfer application requests that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) consent to the direct and indirect transfers of control of Reliant Energy's ownership interest in the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 (STPEGS).

This confirms that to the extent that Reliant Energy continues to hold its ownership interest in STPEGS upon the formation of CenterPoint Energy, Inc., Reliant Energy will remain financially qualified to retain such ownership interest, because it will continue to recover its costs through a traditional ratemaking mechanism under rates in effect until January 1, 2002. After January 1, 2002, Reliant Energy will operate its generation assets, obtain revenues, and pay its costs in the manner described in the five-year *pro forma* projections for Texas Genco LP that were previously submitted. As such, the same five-year *pro forma* applies to Reliant Energy with respect to the requested NRC approval of an indirect transfer of control of STPEGS in connection with the formation of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. In addition, Reliant Energy's revenues from its transmission and distribution business (but not its sales from its generating facilities) will remain subject to cost-of-service rate regulation, and the company will continue to maintain investment grade credit ratings. As the *pro forma* and this information demonstrate, Reliant Energy will remain financially qualified.

If NRC requires additional information concerning this license transfer request, please contact Mr. Scott Head, Manager, Licensing at (361) 972-7136.



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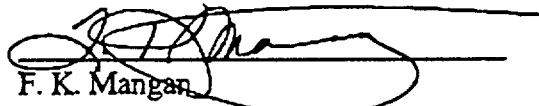
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AFFIRMATION

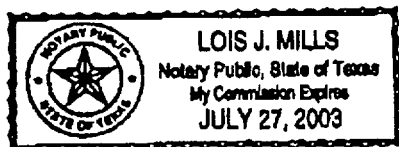
I, F. K. Mangan, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state that I am Vice President, Business Services of STP Nuclear Operating Company; that I am duly authorized to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the supplemental information being provided herewith; that I am familiar with the content thereof; and that the matters set forth therein with regard to STP Nuclear Operating Company are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

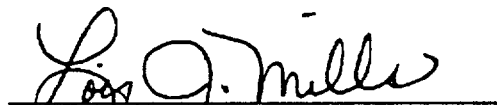
  
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Vice President, Business Services

STATE OF TEXAS )

COUNTY OF MATAGORDA )

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.



  
Lois J. Mills  
Notary Public in and for the  
State of Texas

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I, David G. Tees, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state that I am Senior Vice President for Generation Operations of Houston Lighting & Power Company; that I am familiar with the content of the supplemental information being provided herewith; and that the matters set forth therein with regard to Reliant Energy, Inc. are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

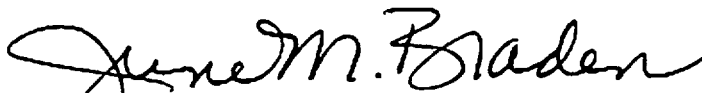


David G. Tees  
Senior Vice President  
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STATE OF TEXAS )

COUNTY OF HARRIS )

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.



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