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Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-21

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-21, "Licensing Action Estimates for Operating Reactors," dated November 16, 2001

The Reference requested that all power reactor licensees provide, on a voluntary basis, estimates of the number of new licensing action requests they plan to submit in NRC fiscal years 2002 and 2003. The Reference also requests Licensees identify by brief title those submittals expected to generate complex reviews, particularly any power uprate requests, license renewal requests, license transfer applications, or dry cask storage applications.

The Reference identifies licensing actions to include requests for license amendments, license renewals, transfers or conversions; exemptions, relief from inspection and surveillance requirements; review of topical reports submitted on a plant specific basis; power uprate requests; dry cask storage applications; Owners Group initiatives (topical reports); Technical Specification Task Force initiatives; and other licensee requests requiring the expenditure of NRC resources.

STP Nuclear Operating Company is a participant in an industry consortium of six plants as a result of a mutual agreement known as Strategic Teaming and Resource Sharing (STARS). The STARS group consists of the six plants operated by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, TXU Generation Company LP, AmerenUE, Pacific Gas and Electric, STP Nuclear Operating Company, and Arizona Public Service. STP currently plans to submit 14 new plant-specific licensing action requests during the remainder of the NRC fiscal year 2002 and 7 in fiscal year 2003. Please note that 16 previously submitted licensing actions, 5 of which have been submitted in fiscal year 2002, are currently under NRC review. Through the STARS cooperative effort, STP is also participating in 4 new licensing action requests in fiscal year 2002 and 8 in fiscal year 2003. The number of common STARS group submittals may vary due to some plants already having approval of the licensing action request that the other STARS members are requesting or the licensing action request not being applicable to a specific member.

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Additionally, included as part of the 7 plant specific submittals mentioned above for fiscal year 2003, STP currently intends to submit a Letter of Intent, which will detail STP's proposed Risk-Informed AOT Technical Specifications. This submittal is expected to entail a complex NRC Staff review.

STP currently has no plans to submit any new power uprate requests, license renewal requests, or dry cask storage applications through the NRC fiscal years 2002 and 2003. Please note that STP submitted a power uprate request, via letter NOC-AE-01-001162, on August 22, 2001, which is presently under NRC review.

The Reference provided a table that licensees can use to document their estimates of licensing actions for the next 2 fiscal years. This table included providing an estimated date of submittal and estimated safety and operational benefits. The individual STARS members typically provide to their NRC Project Manager a status of licensing actions, which typically includes an estimated date of submittal, if known. The estimated safety and operational benefit information is not readily available. As such, the STARS group does not intend to provide this information in response to the Reference.

There are no regulatory commitments made in this transmittal.

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