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Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498 and STN 50-499
Addendum to Response to NRC Generic Letter 96-01,
"Testing of Safety-Related Logic Circuits"

Reference: Correspondence from T. H. Cloninger to the NRC Document Control Desk,
"Response to NRC Generic Letter 96-01, 'Testing of Safety-Related Logic
Circuits,'" dated April 17, 1996 (ST-HL-AE-5304)

The South Texas Project submits this addendum to the response to Generic Letter 96-01 referenced above to revise our proposed schedule for completing modifications to surveillance procedures. The referenced response states that required modifications to procedures will be completed concurrent with implementation of the Improved Technical Specifications, which at the time was expected to be completed by December 31, 1997. This is consistent with guidance provided by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission at the Nuclear Energy Institute workshop held March 19, 1996. However, the December 31, 1997, completion date is no longer appropriate because implementation of the Improved Technical Specifications has been delayed.

Generic Letter 96-01 requests that completion of the identified actions be accomplished prior to startup from the first refueling outage commencing one year after issuance of the generic letter, which was dated January 10, 1996. South Texas Project Unit 2 is currently scheduled for a refueling outage to begin on February 8, 1997. However, as a result of discussions with Thomas Alexion and Hukam Garg of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff, the scheduled date for completion is now the end of the next refueling outage for South Texas Project Unit 1, currently scheduled for October 17, 1997.

Scheduling completion of the surveillance procedure review/revision for October 17, 1997, is acceptable for the following reasons:

- South Texas Project Units 1 and 2 are essentially identical in design. Review and revision of the subject surveillance procedures for one unit will apply to the other.

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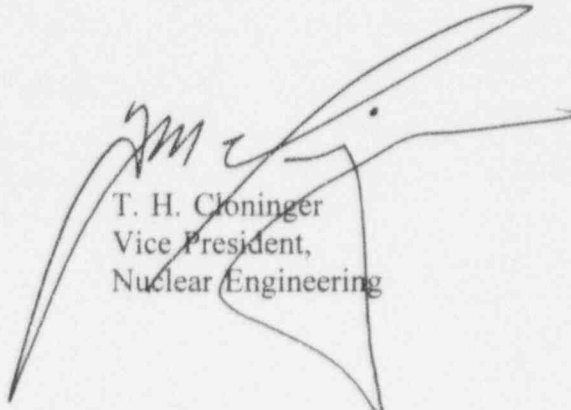
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- Surveillance procedures considered to be potentially significant to plant operation have already been reviewed and revised as necessary under the Surveillance Procedure Enhancement Program. Procedures remaining to be addressed under this schedule are in addition to those covered under the Surveillance Procedure Enhancement Program.

Therefore, given the short amount of time available to the next South Texas Project refueling outage from determination that the schedule for completion needed to be changed, the similarity of the two units, and the lesser significance of the remaining surveillance requirements, the South Texas Project submits the new completion date as an acceptable alternative.

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