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Advisory Committee for Geoscience, Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Geosciences (1755).

Dates & Times: 8:30–5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005. 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2005.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Rm 375, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Thomas Spence, Directorate for Geosciences, National Science Foundation, Suite 705, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230, phone 703-292-8500.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for research, education, and human resources development in the geosciences.

Agenda:

Day 1: Directorate and Division Activity Reports; Division Subcommittee Meetings.

Day 2: Future Directorate Initiatives.

Dated: April 14, 2005.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs (1130).

Date and Time: May 9, 2005, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; May 10, 2005, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford I, Room 1235.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Altie Metcalf, Office of Polar Programs (OPP), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 292-8030.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person list above.

Purpose of Meeting: To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs, and activities of the polar research community; to provide advice to the Director of OPP on issues related to long range planning, and to

form ad hoc subcommittees to carry out needed studies and tasks.

Agenda: Staff presentations on program updates; discussions on International Polar Year; U.S. Antarctic Program resupply, advance planning, budgets, and commitments; and polar education and outreach.

Dated: April 13, 2005.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499; License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80]

In the Matter of Centerpoint Energy, Inc., Texas Genco, LLC (South Texas Project Units 1 and 2); Order Approving Application Regarding Proposed Acquisition

I.

STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) and owners Texas Genco, LP (Texas Genco), the City Public Service Board of San Antonio (CPS), AEP Texas Central Company (TCC), and the City of Austin, Texas (COA) are holders of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80, which authorize the possession, use, and operation of the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 (the facility or STP). STPNOC is licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) to operate STP. The facility is located at the licensees' site in Matagorda County, Texas.

II.

By application dated October 12, 2004, as supplemented by letters dated December 13 and 22, 2004, and February 23 and March 1, 2005 (collectively referred to herein as the application), STPNOC, acting on behalf of Texas Genco, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (CenterPoint Energy), and GC Power Acquisition LLC (renamed Texas Genco LLC) (together, the Applicants), requested that the NRC, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, consent to the indirect license transfers that would be effected by the indirect transfer of control of Texas Genco's ownership interest in the facility. This action is being sought as a result of the transfer of Texas Genco's indirect parent company, Texas Genco Holdings, Inc. (TGN), from Centerpoint Energy to Texas Genco LLC. No changes to the facility licenses are proposed in the application.

In a separate request, Texas Genco is seeking approval of direct license

transfers that would occur in connection with increasing its ownership interest in STP from its current 30.8 percent to either 44 percent or 56 percent, through an acquisition of all or part of TCC's 25.2 percent interest in STP. A separate Order is being issued to address that request.

In connection with the indirect transfer of control of Texas Genco's ownership interest in the facility, indirect control over Texas Genco's related interest in STPNOC, a not-for-profit Texas corporation that is the licensed operator of STP, will also be transferred. To the extent that the indirect transfer of control of Texas Genco's interest in STPNOC would constitute an indirect transfer of control of the licenses as held by STPNOC, consent under 10 CFR 50.80 is also being sought.

Approval of the indirect transfer of the facility operating licenses was requested by STPNOC pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80. Notice of the request for approval and an opportunity for a hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 2004 (69 FR 67368). No comments or hearing requests were received.

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application by STPNOC and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed indirect transfer of control of Texas Genco's parent company will not affect the qualifications of Texas Genco as holder of the STP licenses, whether Texas Genco holds a 30.8 percent, 44 percent, or 56 percent interest in STP, and that the indirect transfer of control of the licenses as held by Texas Genco under each of the three scenarios discussed, to the extent effected by the transfer of control of Texas Genco, is otherwise consistent with the applicable provisions of laws, regulations, and orders issued by the NRC pursuant thereto, subject to the conditions discussed herein. The NRC staff also concludes that, to the extent Texas Genco holds a 30.8 percent, 44 percent, or 56 percent interest in STPNOC by reason of Texas Genco's acquisition of a part or all of TCC's 25.2 percent interest in the facility and STPNOC, and control of Texas Genco is then indirectly transferred to Texas Genco LLC, any resulting indirect transfer of control of STPNOC will not affect STPNOC's qualifications to hold the facility licenses to the extent now held by

STPNOC, and that the indirect transfer of the licenses as held by STPNOC, to the extent effected by the proposed indirect transfer of control of Texas Genco to Texas Genco LLC, is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission, subject to the conditions set forth below.

The findings set forth above are supported by a safety evaluation dated

III.

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), 42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, *it is hereby ordered* that the application regarding the indirect license transfers related to the proposed acquisition is approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. Texas Genco shall take no action to cause Texas Genco LLC, or its successors and assigns, to void, cancel, or modify its \$120 million contingency commitment to Texas Genco, as represented in the application, or cause it to fail to perform or impair its performance under the commitment, or remove or interfere with Texas Genco's ability to draw upon the commitment, without the prior written consent of the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. An executed copy of the Support Agreement shall be submitted to the NRC no later than 30 days after completion of the indirect license transfers. Also, Texas Genco shall inform the NRC in writing any time that it draws upon the \$120 million commitment.

2. Should the proposed acquisition of control of Texas Genco by Texas Genco LLC not be completed within one year from date of issuance, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, upon written application and good cause shown, such date may in writing be extended.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

For further details with respect to this Order, see the initial application dated October 12, 2004, and supplemental letters dated December 13 and 22, 2004, and February 23 and March 1, 2005, and the safety evaluation dated April 4, 2005, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland and accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who

do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of April, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

J. E. Dyer,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499]

In the Matter of Texas Genco, LP; City Public Service Board of San Antonio; AEP Texas Central Company; STP Nuclear Operating Company (South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2); Order Approving Transfer of Licenses and Conforming Amendments

I.

STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC), and owners Texas Genco, LP (Texas Genco), the City Public Service Board of San Antonio (CPS), AEP Texas Central Company (TCC), and the City of Austin, Texas (COA) are holders of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80, which authorize the possession, use, and operation of the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 (the facility or STP). STPNOC is licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) to operate STP. The facility is located at the licensees' site in Matagorda County, Texas.

II.

By letter dated October 21, 2004, STPNOC submitted an application requesting approval of direct license transfers that would be necessary in connection with the proposed transfer of TCC's 25.2 percent undivided ownership interest in the facility to STP current co-owners Texas Genco and CPS. The transfer of TCC's interest may occur under one of several alternative scenarios described in the application. Supplemental information was provided by letters dated December 13 and 22, 2004, and February 23 and March 1, 2005. Hereinafter, the October 21, 2004, application and supplemental information will be referred to collectively as the "application." STPNOC also requested approval of conforming license amendments that would remove TCC from the facility

operating licenses. After completion of the proposed transfers under any proposed scenario, Texas Genco, CPS, and COA would be the sole owners of the facility; the role of STPNOC would be unchanged. The application also requested NRC approval, as necessary, of any indirect transfer of the licenses as held by STPNOC that would be effected by the transfer of TCC's ownership interest in STP under any proposed scenario.

Approval of the transfer of the facility operating licenses and conforming license amendments was requested by STPNOC pursuant to 50.80 and 50.90 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR). Notice of the request for approval and an opportunity for a hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on December 20, 2004 (69 FR 76019). No comments or hearing requests were received.

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application and other information before the Commission, and relying upon the representations and agreements contained in the application, the NRC staff has determined that Texas Genco and CPS are qualified to hold the ownership interest in the facility previously held by TCC under the alternative scenarios described in the application, and that the transfer of TCC's 25.2 percent undivided ownership interest in the facility to Texas Genco and/or CPS under the alternative scenarios described in the application is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission, subject to the conditions set forth below. The NRC staff has further found that the application for the proposed license amendments complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission; there is reasonable assurance that the activities authorized by the proposed license amendments can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public and that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations; the issuance of the proposed license amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and