

*Brief description of amendments:* The amendments delete License Condition 2.G, "Reporting to the Commission," and Technical Specification 6.6.1.a, "Reportable Event Action."

*Date of issuance:* August 16, 2001.

*Effective date:* The amendments are effective as of the date of their issuance.

*Amendment Nos.:* Unit 1—129; Unit 2—118.

*Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80:* The amendments revised the Facility Operating Licenses and the Technical Specifications.

*Date of initial notice in Federal*

**Register:** June 12, 2001 (66 FR 31715).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated August 16, 2001.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

*STP Nuclear Operating Company, Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499, South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, Matagorda County, Texas*

*Date of amendment request:* February 28, 2001.

*Brief description of amendments:* The amendments revised the Technical Specifications (TS) to eliminate periodic response time testing requirements on selected sensors and selected protection channels, and modified TS Section 1.0 Definitions for "ENGINEERED SAFETY FEATURE (ESF) RESPONSE TIME" and "REACTOR TRIP SYSTEM (RTS) RESPONSE TIME" to provide for verification of response time for selected components. The associated Bases were also revised.

*Date of issuance:* August 21, 2001.

*Effective date:* The amendments are effective as of the date of their issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

*Amendment Nos.:* Unit 1—130; Unit 2—119.

*Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80:* The amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

*Date of initial notice in Federal*

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The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated August 21, 2001.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th of August 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

#### Extension:

Rule 10b-18; SEC File No. 270-416; OMB Control No. 3235-0474.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 10b-18 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act) provides that the issuer or any affiliated purchaser of the issuer will not incur liability under Section 9(a)(2) of the Exchange Act or Rule 10b-5 under the Exchange Act if its purchases are effected in compliance with the manner, timing, price, and volume limitations of the safe harbor. The Rule further provides that purchases falling outside of the Rule's conditions shall not give rise to a presumption of manipulation. An issuer or an affiliated purchaser seeking to avail itself of the safe harbor, however, must collect information regarding the manner, time, price, and volume of its purchases of the issuer's common stock in order to verify compliance with the Rule's conditions and application of the safe harbor.

Each year there are approximately 1,179 share repurchase programs conducted in accordance with Rule 10b-18. For each such repurchase program, an average of approximately 8 hours are spent collecting the requisite information. If approximately 1,179 issuers engage in repurchases following a market-wide trading suspension and comply with the safe harbor then, collectively, these issuers would incur an additional 1,179 burden hours. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is approximately 10,611 burden hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection

of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: August 23, 2001.

**Jonathan G. Katz,**  
*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

#### Extension:

Rule 17j-1—SEC File No. 270-239, OMB Control No. 3235-0224

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension and approval of the collection of information discussed below.

Rule 17j-1 [17 CFR 270.17j-1] under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a) (the "Investment Company Act"), which the Commission adopted in 1980<sup>1</sup> and amended in 1999,<sup>2</sup> implements section 17(j) of the Act, which makes it unlawful for persons affiliated with a registered investment company or with the investment company's investment adviser or principal underwriter (each, a "17j-1 organization"), in connection with the purchase or sale of securities

<sup>1</sup> Prevention of Certain Unlawful Activities With Respect To Registered Investment Companies, Investment Company Act Release No. 11421 (Oct. 31, 1980) [45 FR 73915 (Nov. 7, 1980)].

<sup>2</sup> Personal Investment Activities of Investment Company Personnel, Investment Company Act Release No. 23958 (Aug. 20, 1999) [64 FR 46821-01 (Aug. 27, 1999)].