

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****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