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STP Leads Nation for Eighth Consecutive Year

The South Texas Project produced more electricity in 2011 than any other two-unit nuclear power facility in the nation. This marks the eighth consecutive year that STP has been the top producer in the U.S. In 2011, STP finished second worldwide in two-unit production.

Combined, the two-unit facility produced 21.41 million megawatt-hours of carbon-free energy in 2011, enough to power more than two million Texas homes. STP Unit 1 ranked second nationally and sixth globally in terms of production. STP Unit 2 ranked fourth nationally and 18th worldwide.

“We are very proud to have safely led the nation in two-unit production for eight consecutive years,” said Ed Halpin, STP Nuclear Operating Company President and CEO. “It’s a credit to the dedication and commitment of our team, whose focus – first and foremost – is on the safe and reliable operation of our units. In a year where we conducted two scheduled refueling and maintenance outages, this is quite an accomplishment.”

In April 2011, STP completed its 30th refueling outage since beginning commercial operation in 1988 – working more than 360,000 man-hours on the Unit 1 outage without a lost-time or restricted duty injury. In November, STP safely completed a scheduled Unit 2 refueling outage in just 23.4 days, ranking it among the industry’s best in overall duration.

STP remains an industry leader in both safety and production. Recent highlights include:

- In 2011, STP’s annual production cost ranked fifth nationally. The plant’s three-year production cost average ranks sixth in the U.S., making STP one of the industry’s most efficient and economical facilities.
- In December 2011, STP reached another safety milestone, sustaining 18 months, or more than 6 million man-hours without a lost-time or restricted duty accident. The site’s Total Industrial Safety Accident rate dropped to 0.00 and is among the industry’s best.

STP supplies more than 7.5 percent of the electricity used in Texas. The facility is managed by STP Nuclear Operating Company and owned by Austin Energy, CPS Energy, and NRG Texas. STP's two-units produce 2,700 megawatts of carbon-free energy, powering more than two million homes throughout Texas. To learn more about STP, visit www.stpnoc.com.

Note: Rankings based on 2011 generation data published in Platt's Nucleonics Week.

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