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STP Unit 2 scheduled refueling outage underway

Wadsworth, Texas – October 8, 2022 –STP’s Unit 2 commenced its 22nd scheduled refueling and maintenance outage on Friday, October 7, when it was safely taken offline to begin the work. Plant Operators, maintenance and support personnel will be supplemented by several hundred industry craftsmen and specialists from across the country to refuel the reactor and to conduct necessary reliability maintenance for our next operating cycle.

“Safety and reliability are at the forefront of all we do. Refueling outages offer the best opportunity we have to prepare the unit for continued safe and reliable generation. This dedicated work makes Unit 2 ready to provide power to the Texas homes that depend on us throughout the next operation cycle,” said Kym Harshaw, STP’s Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer.

During the Unit 2 outage, about one-third of the reactor’s fuel assemblies will be replaced with new ones. In addition, thousands of maintenance activities are scheduled to enhance equipment reliability and numerous plant systems and components will be tested and inspected.

“Our team has completed significant planning and preparation to ensure that we thoroughly inspect, test and complete a large scope of work during this outage,” said Harshaw. “This work will be done while maintaining the safest possible environment for all personnel and prepare Unit 2 for safe and reliable operations until its next scheduled refueling outage.”

The broad economic impact that results from the influx of visiting workers during refueling outages benefits the community at large. STP is proud to be a strong contributor to the local economy and the temporary addition of skilled craft persons to our area for outages brings additional business to all types of establishments, from restaurants to retail.

STP schedules refueling outages in the spring and fall when the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) electrical demand is lowest. The plant is managed by the STP Nuclear Operating Company and owned by NRG Energy, CPS Energy and Austin Energy. To learn more about STP, visit www.stpnoc.com

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