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## **Jim Connolly, STP Chief Nuclear Officer, Dies at 62**

**Wadsworth, Texas – August 27, 2021**– Jim Connolly, Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer of STP Nuclear Operating Company, died Thursday, Aug. 26, following a long illness. He was 62 years old.

“Jim was a proven nuclear professional leader who’s dedication to life-long learning and continuous improvement made him a stand-out talent in our industry,” said Tim Powell, STP’s President and CEO. “STP was privileged to have him as a leader and he will be greatly missed.”

Connolly had over 38 years of experience in the nuclear industry, serving in a wide variety of roles. He joined STP in 2014 as the General Manager of Engineering and served as the Site Vice President before taking the role of Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer in 2018.

Before joining STP, Connolly was Engineering Director at the Seabrook and St. Lucie nuclear plants for NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC and Florida Power and Light Company respectively. He has served a variety of positions, including Startup Test Engineer, Commissioning Engineer, Principal Licensing Engineer, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Licensing Manager, Fleet Licensing Manager and Engineering Director.

Connolly was a graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering. He also held a Juris Doctorate degree from the Massachusetts School of Law and was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Connolly earned a Senior Reactor Operator Certification at the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant. Additionally, Connolly was a graduate of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations’ Nuclear Plant Management course and the Senior Executive Leadership Seminar. He was a member of the NEI Nuclear Strategic Issues Advisory Committee (NSIAC), the CNO Sponsor for the NEI Regulatory Issues Working Group (RIWG), and a member of the INPO Executive Advisory Group (EAG) and the INPO Continuous Monitoring Advisory Group.

He is survived by his wife Debbie, and their daughters Shannon Rech, Jillian Connolly, Ashley Connolly and Jessica Connolly.

Kym Harshaw, who previously served STP as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and General Counsel, was named Acting Chief Nuclear Officer on Aug. 16, when Connolly stepped away on leave.

South Texas Project Electric Generating Station is located approximately 90 minutes southwest of Houston near Bay City, Texas. It is operated by STP Nuclear Operating Company and owned by NRG Energy, CPS Energy and Austin Energy.

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