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Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2  
Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-08**

**Dear Commissioners and Staff:**

**NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2001-08, "Operating Reactor Licensing Action Estimates," dated April 2, 2001, requested that all power reactor licensees provide estimates of the number of new licensing action requests they plan to submit in upcoming fiscal years. Specifically, licensees are requested to provide a numerical estimate of the licensing actions expected to be submitted during the remainder of the NRC Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 and in FY 2002 (i.e., submitted by September 30, 2002). RIS 2001-08 also requests licensees identify by brief title those submittals expected to generate complex reviews, particularly any power uprate requests, license renewal requests, license transfer applications, or dry cask storage applications.**

**RIS 2001-08 defines licensing actions as requests for license amendments, license renewal or transfer, exemption, relief, review of a topical report submitted by a specific licensee, notice of enforcement discretion, or other licensee request requiring NRC review and approval before it can be implemented by the licensee.**

**PG&E is a participant in an industry consortium of five plants as a result of a mutual agreement known as Strategic Teaming and Resource Sharing (STARS). The STARS group consists of the five plants operated by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, TXU Electric, AmerenUE, PG&E, and STP Nuclear Operating Company. PG&E currently plans to submit 39 new plant specific licensing action requests during the remainder of the NRC FY 2001 and**

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in FY 2002. Through the STARS cooperative effort, PG&E is participating in six licensing action requests. The number of common STARS group submittals may vary due to some plants already having approval of the licensing action request that the other STARS members are requesting.

Additionally, included as part of the plant specific action requests mentioned above, PG&E currently plans to submit a dry cask storage application during the remainder of the NRC FY 2001, and may submit a power uprate request during the NRC FY 2002. PG&E has no plans to submit any license renewal requests, or license transfer applications through the NRC FY 2002.

In RIS 2001-08, the NRC states that licensees would "assist the NRC by estimating the potential safety and operational benefits, costs/man-rem averted, or any other economic savings that would be realized by their licensing action requests." This request is based on the proposed voluntary information collection initiative (65 FR 76669, December 7, 2000). The STARS support the Nuclear Energy Institute comments submitted by letter dated February 8, 2001, that the NRC initiative to have licensees estimate benefits and costs is unnecessary and should be withdrawn or modified.

If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact Mr. Pat Nugent at (805) 545-4720.

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