Lawrence F. Womack Vice President, Nuclear Services Diablo Canyon Power Plant P.O. Box 56 Avila Beach, CA 93424

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF THE DIABLO CANYON

INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION

Dear Mr. Womack:

This responds to Pacific Gas and Electric's (PGE) December 21, 2001, application for a 10 CFR Part 72 license to build and operate an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) schedule to perform the subject review.

The schedule establishes the key milestones and dates associated with the subject application through February 2003. With your assistance, the staff's goal is to complete, by February 22, 2003, the Safety Evaluation Report (SER), the License, and the environmental review. In addition, the application may be the subject of a hearing in accordance with NRC regulations.

The following schedule will be periodically reviewed and updated as significant milestones are completed or as correction to the milestones are needed to reflect NRC's casework prioritization.

## **Diablo Canyon ISFIS**

<u>MILESTONES</u>	DATES		
<ol> <li>PG&amp;E Application Received</li> <li>NRC Acceptance Review, Issue Schedule</li> <li>NRC Generates 1<sup>st</sup> RAI</li> <li>RAI Meeting Scheduled, if needed</li> <li>PG&amp;E responds to 1<sup>st</sup> RAI</li> <li>NRC Issue SER, License and Environmental Review</li> </ol>	12/21/2001 Completed 03/18/2002 Completed 08/30/2002 Target 09/18/2002 Actual date may vary 10/15/2002 Target 02/22/2003 Target		
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To meet the above schedule PG&E must respond promptly and comprehensively to staff RAIs. Staff initiatives to enhance the efficiency of the review process include the designation of specific teams to perform assigned technical reviews. Since designated review team activities rely on high quality applications and timely responses, any delays by PG&E may result in significant impacts to the overall review schedule due to the team being diverted to other work. The schedule is based on the staff issuing only one RAI. Should the staff determine that a second RAI is necessary to complete a review, it will result in rescheduling the remainder of the review. Please notify me in writing, at least 2 weeks in advance of any milestone, of any instance which may result in your inability to meet the above schedule.

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Please reference Docket No. 72-26 and TAC No. L23339 in future correspondence related to this licensing action. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-8584.

Sincerely,

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Steven Baggett, Senior Project Manager Licensing Section Spent Fuel Project Office Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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(Original Signed by:)

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