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(TAC NOS. 82206 AND 82207)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY
SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY,
THE CITY OF ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, AND
THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

(San Onofre Nuclear Generating
Station, Units 2 and 3)

Docket Nos. 50-361
and 50-362

EXEMPTION

I.

The Southern California Edison Company, the San Diego Gas & Electric Company, The City of Anaheim, California, and The City of Riverside, California (the licensees) are holders of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-10 and NPF-15 which authorize operation of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3. The license provides, among other things, that the licensees are subject to all rules, regulations and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of two pressurized water reactors at the licensees' site located in San Diego County, California.

II.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.59 (a) and (c), each licensed operator is required to successfully complete a requalification program. This program is to be conducted for a continuous period not to exceed 24 months in duration and upon

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its conclusion must be promptly followed by a successive requalification program.

III.

By letter dated November 5, 1991, the licensees requested an exemption under 10 CFR 55.11 from the requirements of 10 CFR 55.59 (a) and (c). Pursuant to a recommendation contained in NUREG-1021, "Administration of NRC Requalification Program Evaluations," the licensees are realigning the San Onofre operator requalification program with an NRC National Examination Schedule. The realignment necessitates extending the end date of the current San Onofre requalification program from December 1991 to January 1992. The exemption constitutes a one-time extension of the requalification program duration from 24 to 25 months.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.11, "The Commission may, upon application by an interested person, or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the requirements of the regulations in this part as it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property and are otherwise in the public interest."

IV.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined, pursuant to 10 CFR 55.11, that an exemption as described in Section III is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the Southern California Edison Company, et al., an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 55.59(a) and (c) not to exceed January 31, 1992.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.21, 51.32, and 51.35 the Commission determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (56 FR 67637).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bruce A. Boger".

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland
this 31st day of December 1991.