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Gentlemen:

Subject: Exemption from 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix A, General Design Criterion 56, Related to Issuance of Amendment No. 12 to Facility Operating License DPF-10, San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2

As you know, on December 23, 1982 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued Amendment No. 12 (copy enclosed) to Facility Operating License DPF-10 for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2.

Amendment No. 12 modified the Technical Specifications to allow the non-critical component cooling water (CCW) loop to circulate water to the reactor coolant pumps after safety injection initiation.

As is discussed in the Safety Evaluation accompanying Amendment 12, during the NRC staff's review of the proposed change, it became clear that the non-critical CCW loop containment penetrations do not meet the applicable staff criteria. Specifically, these penetrations do not meet General Design Criterion (GDC) 56 of Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 50. After discussing this issue with the NRC staff, SCE committed to meet GDC 56 and thereby correct the situation within 90 days by changing the remote-manual valves to automatic isolation. In the interim, justification for continued operation is based on procedures requiring operator verification of non-critical CCW loop isolation, and operator action to close the remote-manual valves should the automatic valves fail to close.

The NRC staff reviewed the issue and concluded that operation prior to installation of the automatic isolation signal to valves HV-6223 and 6236 is acceptable, based on (1) automatic isolation of valves HV-6211 and 6216 which are in series with HV-6223 and 6236, and (2) the ability to promptly isolate valves HV-6223 and 6236 from the control room should the need arise. Amendment 12 authorized continued operation of San Onofre Unit 2 for the reasons given above, but did not specifically grant an exemption from GDC 56 for the 90-day interim period.

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Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, and based our evaluation as reflected in the Safety Evaluation accompanying Amendment No. 12 we hereby grant an exemption to GDC 56 for the non-critical CCW loop containment penetrations for San Onofre Unit 2 until March 22, 1983. We find that this exemption from the requirements of GDC 56 is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
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Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, we hereby grant an exemption to GDC 56 for the non-critical CCH loop containment penetrations for San Onofre Unit 2 until March 22, 1983. We find that this exemption from the requirements of GDC 56 is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest.

Sincerely,

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This oversight was discovered when a similar change was made to the San Onofre Unit 3 license (reference Amendment 1 to NPF-15, issued January 14, 1983). To correct the oversight, we hereby grant an exemption to GDC 56 for the non-critical CCR loop containment penetrations for San Onofre Unit 2 until March 22, 1983. We find that this exemption from the requirements of GDC 56 is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest.

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-361SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, ET ALNOTICE OF EXEMPTION TO 10 CFR 50, APPENDIX A,GENERAL DESIGN CRITERION 56FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-10

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted an exemption to 10 CFR 50, Appendix A, General Design Criterion 56 until March 22, 1983, to Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, The City of Riverside, California and The City of Anaheim, California (licensees) for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2 (the facility) located in San Diego County, California.

The exemption is associated with Amendment No. 12 to Facility Operating License NPF-10, issued to the licensees on December 23, 1982. The exemption allows the licensees 90 days to change two remote-manual CCW non-critical loop isolation valves to automatic isolation. The exemption is based on the the Staff's evaluation as reflected in the Safety Evaluation accompanying Amendment No. 12 and on a finding by the NRC staff that the exemption is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the Commission's letter to the licensees dated February 22, 1983, (2) Amendment No. 12 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-10, dated December 23, 1982 and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation.

These items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and the

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A copy of items (1), (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555.
Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 22nd day of February, 1983.

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