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Therefore, at this time NRC denies SCE's request for exemption from the Orders. When SCE elects to ship the Unit 1 RV, it should verify the shipping requirements at that time. If appropriate, SCE may then request specific exemptions.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Jim Shepherd, of my staff, at (301)415-6712 or jcs2@nrc.gov.

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