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SUBJECT: DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT, UNIT NO. 2 - EVALUATION OF FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS IN SUPPORT OF ALLOY 82/182 PRESSURIZER BUTT WELD INSPECTIONS IN 2008 AS PROVIDED BY CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER NRR-07-003 (TAC NO. MD4150)

Dear Mr. Keenan:

On March 15, 2007, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) No. NRR-07-003 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML070670425) regarding dissimilar metal welds in the pressurizer surge, spray, and safety/relief nozzle-to-safe end welds at Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP), Unit No. 2. The CAL and the supporting commitment letter (ADAMS Accession No. ML070580128) indicate that inspection and mitigation actions may be conducted during your spring 2008 refueling outage, contingent on the industry providing an analysis that demonstrates an acceptable level of safety to the NRC for the operation of these welds until spring 2008. This letter acknowledges receipt of your letter dated August 7, 2007 (ADAMS Accession No. ML072410199), informing the NRC that the analysis referred to by this CAL and the supporting commitment letter has been completed, and that the analysis is applicable to your plant.

The NRC received MRP-216, Rev. 1, "Materials Reliability Program: Advanced FEA [Finite Element Analysis] Evaluation of Growth of Postulated Circumferential PWSCC [Primary Water Stress-Corrosion Cracking] Flaws in Pressurizer Nozzle Dissimilar Metal Welds," on August 13, 2007 (ADAMS Accession No. ML072410235). Based on our review of this report, the NRC concludes that the analysis provides adequate justification to permit inspections during your spring 2008 refueling outage, and that the analysis is applicable to DCPP, Unit No. 2. The results of the staff's review are contained in a safety assessment dated August 31, 2007 (ADAMS Accession No. ML072400199), and the associated contractor report (ADAMS Accession No. ML072470394).

Based on the above, the NRC concludes that a plant shutdown by December 31, 2007, is no longer required. Therefore, the pressurizer surge, spray, and safety/relief nozzle-to-safe end Alloy 82/182 butt weld inspections for DCPP, Unit No. 2 must be performed prior to exiting your scheduled spring 2008 refueling outage. All other requirements of the CAL and the supporting commitment letter regarding enhanced inspection and leakage monitoring requirements for the reactor coolant system and associated reports remain valid.

J. S. Keenan

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The CAL will remain open until all CAL commitments pertaining to DCP, Unit No. 2 are complete.

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