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SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 -
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION GENERIC LETTER 2007-01: INACCESSIBLE
OR UNDERGROUND POWER CABLE FAILURES THAT DISABLE ACCIDENT
MITIGATION SYSTEMS OR CAUSE PLANT TRANSIENTS (TAC NOS. MD4377
AND MD4378)

Dear Mr. Rosenblum:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has received the cable failure history for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3, in response to Generic Letter (GL) 2007-01, "Inaccessible or Underground Power Cable Failures that Disable Accident Mitigation Systems or Cause Plant Transients." During its review, the licensee found no failures of inaccessible or underground power cables within the scope of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.65, "Requirements for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants" (Maintenance Rule (MR)). Please confirm that this history includes cable failures that occurred prior to July 10, 1996.

Paragraph (c) of 10 CFR 50.65 states, "[t]he requirements of this section shall be implemented by each licensee no later than July 10, 1996." The NRC staff is concerned that licensees may have excluded cable failures from the GL 2007-01 responses if the cable failures occurred prior to July 10, 1996 (or the licensee's implementation date of the MR). The NRC staff provided additional guidance on how licensees should determine which cable failures are within the scope of GL 2007-01 in the NRC letter dated April 13, 2007, from Michael J. Case (NRC) to James H. Riley (Nuclear Energy Institute) (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML070940311). This document stated to include cable failures that can be searched for in an electronic database, regardless of the actual date of the failure. If San Onofre's response to GL 2007-01 excluded cable failures that occurred prior to July 10, 1996, provide the data for these failures as requested in GL 2007-01.

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Please provide the additional information requested within 30 days of the receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1480.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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