# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

E. Roy Hawkens, Chairman Dr. Anthony J. Baratta Dr. Gary S. Arnold

In the Matter of

Docket Nos. 50-361-CAL, 50-362-CAL

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO.

ASLBP No. 13-924-01-CAL-BD01

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

December 12, 2012

#### **ORDER**

(Directing SCE and NRC Staff to File Expedited Answers to Petitioner's Extension and Clarification Request)

On November 8, 2012, the Commission in CLI-12-20 referred to the Atomic Licensing Board Panel a portion of Friends of the Earth's June 18, 2012 intervention petition challenging a Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) issued by the NRC to Southern California Edison Company (SCE) on March 27, 2012. See CLI-12-20, slip op. at 5.

On December 3, 2012, this Licensing Board held a conference call<sup>1</sup> to discuss the procedural path forward, and on December 7, 2012, we issued an Order that summarized the conference call and that provided directives concerning briefing of the referred issues.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, we, <u>inter alia</u>, proposed a briefing schedule and directed the parties to file a joint motion proposing a revised schedule, if necessary.<sup>3</sup> The Board also directed SCE, in coordination with Friends of the Earth, to prepare and execute a Joint Non-Disclosure

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>See</u> Licensing Board Order (Scheduling Conference Call) (Nov. 26, 2012) (unpublished).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>See</u> Licensing Board Order (Conference Call Summary and Directives Relating to Briefing) (Dec. 7, 2012) (unpublished).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See id. at 5.

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Agreement and a proposed protective order regarding certain proprietary documents that appear to be relevant to the issue of whether the CAL constitutes a <u>de facto</u> license amendment.<sup>4</sup>

On December 11, 2012, Friends of the Earth filed a motion asking the Board to amend the proposed briefing schedule and to clarify the scope of the documents that are subject to disclosure in this case.<sup>5</sup> In its motion, Friends of the Earth represent that (1) SCE opposes the motion,<sup>6</sup> and (2) the NRC Staff does not oppose the Board ordering SCE to provide the documents requested by Friends of the Earth, except with respect to documents related to the Augmented Inspection Team report, nor does the NRC Staff oppose a reasonable extension of time for Friends of the Earth to file its initial brief.<sup>7</sup>

In the interest of proceeding expeditiously, the Board directs SCE and the NRC Staff to file their answers to Friends of the Earth's December 11, 2012 motion no later than 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time, Friday, December 14, 2012.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

/RA/

E. Roy Hawkens, Chairman ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Issued at Rockville, Maryland this 12th day of December 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>Id.</u> at 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>See</u> Petitioner's Motion to Amend the Proposed Scheduling Order and Clarify Scope of Disclosure (Dec. 11, 2012).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See id. at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See id. at 1-2.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing ORDER (Directing SCE and NRC Staff to File Expedited Answers to Petitioner's Extension and Clarification Request) have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange and by electronic mail as indicated by an asterisk\*.

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