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Glenn Pascall, Chair San Onofre Task Force Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter 3435 Wilshire Blvd, #320 Los Angeles, CA 90010-1904

Dear Mr. Pascall:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your email of February 15, 2013, to Chairman Allison M. Macfarlane and her fellow Commissioners in which you provide a summary of and comments regarding the February 12, 2013, public meeting on the restart of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

To the extent that your letter requests that the Commission convert the Confirmatory Action Letter proceeding to an Adjudicated License Amendment proceeding, the Commission cannot respond. The issue is the subject of a current adjudication before an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. I must advise that under agency regulations, the Commission has an appellate role in proceedings commenced before its Atomic Safety and Licensing Boards. Because of that role, I trust that you will understand that the Commissioners must remain impartial during the pendency of a case, whether it is before a Licensing Board or on appeal to the Commission.

A copy of your letter and this response will be served on the participants in the <u>San Onofre Confirmatory Action Letter</u> proceeding.

Sincerely,

Annette L. Vietti-Cook

Secretary of the Commission

cc: San Onofre-CAL Service List