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Dear Chair,

Please ensure this message is seen by all NRC committee members.

Call on the NRC to Dismiss Licensing Shortcuts for the Failed San Onofre Nuclear Units

Radiation Free Lakeland based in Cumbria, UK would like to ask that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission take no action that could lead to any restart of the San Onofre nuclear power plant before the Commission completes its comprehensive investigation and provides full opportunity for public participation. Here in Cumbria we are well aware of the pressures regulators are put under to 'go easy' in accommodating the wish lists of the nuclear industry.

We are aware that Southern California Edison's wish list is (SCE) to shortcut the license review process and is urging the NRC to declare that a license amendment that would enable the restart of the San Onofre facility at 70% power involves no significant hazards. This is appalling, the public deserves a full and transparent review of the failed San Onofre generators before the NRC considers any potential restart.

In a word play, Edison claims it seeks a "license amendment" a phrase that properly refers only to the process provided by an Adjudicated License Amendment with sworn witnesses, evidentiary hearings and a judicial decision.

Speeding restart of San Onofre through a so-called "license amendment" that shortcuts procedures is totally inappropriate given the troubled history and current condition of the plant, let alone the level of public concern.

SCE's request to weaken its license requirements was made despite evidence showing that there could be a significant hazard from the operation of the deficient steam generators.

Please completely dismiss Edison's request. This latest maneuver by Edison appears to be merely a last-ditch, desperate attempt to avoid a full, public review by the NRC.

Thank you
yours sincerely,

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