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SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 -
WITHDRAWAL OF LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST NOS. 260 AND 246,
IMPROVED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (TAC NOS. ME7092 AND ME7093)

Dear Mr. Dietrich:

By letter dated July 29, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML11251A086), Southern California Edison (SCE, the licensee) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Units 2 and 3, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The LAR requested approval to revise the current Technical Specifications (TS) for both units to conform to the most recently approved version of the Standard Technical Specifications (STS) for Combustion Engineering Plants; NUREG-1432, Revision 3. The LAR included additional proposed changes to adopt certain approved Technical Specification Task Force change travelers, and other changes beyond the scope of the STS as described in NUREG-1432, Revision 3.

By letter dated June 12, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML131640201), SCE submitted its certification of permanent cessation of operations for SONGS, Units 2 and 3, in accordance with paragraph 50.82(a)(1)(i) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). By letters dated June 28, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13183A391), and July 22, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13204A304), SCE submitted its certifications of permanent removal of fuel from the reactor vessels in accordance with 10 CFR 50.82(a)(1)(ii), for Unit 3 and Unit 2, respectively. Subsequently, by letter dated July 30, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13212A250), you notified the NRC that in light of the decision to permanently cease power operation of SONGS, Units 2 and 3, SCE was withdrawing several requested licensing actions, including the subject license amendment request.

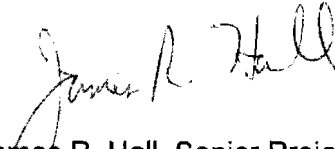
The NRC staff has ceased its review of the subject amendment request, based on your certifications that SONGS, Units 2 and 3, will no longer operate, and on your formal withdrawal of the amendment request. In addition, the NRC has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the Federal Register for publication. The other licensing actions identified in your July 30, 2013, letter will be addressed in separate correspondence.

P. Dietrich

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-4032, or via e-mail at Randy.Hall@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

James R. Hall, Senior Project Manager
SONGS Special Projects Branch
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362

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WITHDRAWAL OF LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362; NRC-20YY-XXXX]

**Application and Amendment to Facility Operating License Involving
Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination; San Onofre Nuclear
Generating Station, Units 2 and 3**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application; withdrawal.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-20YY-XXXX** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, using any of the following methods:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Benney, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; telephone: 301-415-2767; e-mail: Brian.Benney@nrc.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted the request of Southern California Edison (SCE, the licensee) to withdraw its July 29, 2011, application (ADAMS Accession No. ML11251A086), for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-10 and NPF-15 for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Units 2 and 3, respectively, located in San Diego County, California.

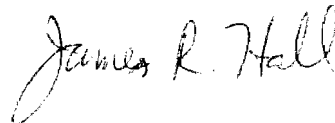
The proposed amendments would have revised the facility Technical Specifications for both units to conform to the most recently approved version of the Standard Technical Specifications (STS) for Combustion Engineering Plants; NUREG-1432, Revision 3. The proposed amendments would also have adopted certain approved Technical Specification Task Force change travelers, and incorporated other changes beyond the scope of the STS in NUREG-1432, Revision 3, as described in the licensee's application.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the *Federal Register* on August 16, 2012 (77 FR 49463). Subsequently, by letter dated June 12, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML131640201), the licensee notified the NRC that SCE has permanently ceased power operation of SONGS, Units 2 and 3, effective June 7, 2013. By letters dated June 28, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13183A391), and July 22, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13204A304), the licensee submitted its certifications of permanent removal of fuel from the Unit 3 and Unit 2 reactor vessels, respectively. In addition, by letter dated July 30, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13212A250), the licensee notified the NRC that in light of the decision to permanently cease power operation of SONGS, Units 2 and 3, the amendment request is withdrawn.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated July 29, 2011, and the licensee's letters dated June 12, June 28, July 22, and July 30, 2013, which notified the NRC of permanent cessation of power operation and permanent removal of fuel from the reactor vessels at SONGS, Units 2 and 3, and withdrew the application for license amendment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of August 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Hall".

James R. Hall, Senior Project Manager
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Division of Operating Reactor Licensing,
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ADAMS Accession Nos.: Letter ML13219A502; FRN ML13219A522

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