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Mr. Edward D. Halpin  
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SUBJECT: DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 – ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO ADOPT NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION STANDARD 805 (TAC NOS. MF2333 AND MF2334)

Dear Mr. Halpin:

By letter dated June 26, 2013, as supplemented by letter dated October 3, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Nos. ML131960159 and ML13277A597, respectively), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E, the licensee), submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 (DCPP). The proposed amendment would enable PG&E to adopt a new fire protection licensing basis for DCPP, which complies with the requirements in paragraphs 50.48(a) and (c) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). Specifically, DCPP would transition the fire protection program to one based on the National Fire Protection Association Standard 805 (NFPA 805) Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection For Light Water Reactor Generating Plants (2001 Edition) (ADAMS Accession No. ML010800360). PG&E further requested changes to paragraph C.2.(5) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-80 and paragraph C.2.(4) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-82 that describes how the licensee may make changes to its approved fire protection program without prior approval by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-1530 or via e-mail at [Jennivine.Rankin@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennivine.Rankin@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennie Rankin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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