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SUBJECT: Application to amend License NPF-15, authorizing full-power operation on 830819.

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June 22, 1983

Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

Subject: Docket No. 50-362
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
Unit 3

The purpose of this letter is to request issuance of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 3 (SONGS 3) full power license amendment. Based upon my continuing review of SONGS 3 status, I have determined that SONGS 3 will be ready to proceed above five percent power during August 1983. This request is being made at this time to allow the staff sufficient time for review and completion of the necessary administrative details needed to process the amendment.

This determination is based on both the plant physical status and readiness of the operating staff. SCE currently has 20 senior reactor operators and 21 reactor operators licensed on SONGS 3. Further, the review of staffing and training of operations personnel described in my letter to you of November 15, 1982 has been completed. The primary conclusion of this study, which will be reported to you in detail by separate correspondence, is that plant operations personnel are ready to conduct full power operation of SONGS 3. The plant itself has performed well in the precritical stages of startup testing. Initial criticality is scheduled for mid-July 1983. In view of the representations made in Mr. William R. Gould's letter to Mr. R. H. Engelken dated March 11, 1983, the course of action has been reviewed with Mr. Gould and he concurs.

Based upon the foregoing information, I conclude that SONGS 3 will be ready for NRC issuance of full power authorization by August 19, 1983. While events during the next few weeks may result in slight changes to the startup schedule, I currently consider August 19, 1983 to be the appropriate date for the NRC and SCE to plan issuance of the requested amendment.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

cc: H.Rood(NRC)-To be opened by addressee only

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