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Deferral of MSIV 2HV-8204 Boroscopic Inspection  
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Unit 2

This letter documents discussions with the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) SONGS Units 2 and 3 Project Manager that a boroscopic examination of the Unit 2 Main Steam Isolation Valve (MSIV) 2HV-8204 will not be performed during the Cycle 5 refueling outage. On August 17, 1989, the NRR Project Manager concurred with SCE's modified MSIV inspection plan for Unit 2.

SCE had originally committed to boroscopic inspections of the Units 2 and 3 MSIVs by letter dated September 27, 1988. These commitments were made as a result of internal damage observed in the Waterford and, to a lesser extent, the SONGS MSIVs. The root cause of the MSIV internal damage has been determined to be associated with excessively fast valve closure.

In February 1989, both of Unit 2's MSIVs were inspected with a boroscope. The MSIV 2HV-8205 was found in good condition. However, the boroscopic examination of MSIV 2HV-8204 suggested the presence of some debris and the valve was disassembled. The internals of MSIV 2HV-8204 were found in excellent condition. Based on this internal examination of MSIV 2HV-8204 and the boroscopic examination of 2HV-8205, SCE concluded that the boroscopic inspection of MSIV 2HV-8204 during the Cycle 5 refueling outage was not necessary.

Accordingly, during the Unit 2 Cycle 5 refueling outage, an internal inspection will only be performed on MSIV 2HV-8205 since it is being

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disassembled to replace its stem. In addition, modifications will be made to both MSIVs to slow the valves' closure time and thus minimize the potential for internal damage.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. B. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

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