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Docket Nos: 50-361
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Mr. Loren G. Hinkelman, Vice President
and Manager of Domestic Operations
Bechtel Power Corporation
P. O. Box 60860, Terminal Annex
Los Angeles, California 90060

Dear Mr. Hinkelman:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3)

By letter dated July 6, 1979, the Southern California Edison Company submitted structural calculations to document our audit analysis and requested that they be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. Your related affidavit was also transmitted by the letter from Southern California Edison Company. A non-proprietary version of the calculations is presented in the Final Safety Analysis Report for San Onofre 2 and 3.

Your affidavit stated that the reasons for requesting our withholding of this information were: (1) the documents contain trade secrets which are customarily held in confidence by Bechtel; (2) the calculations, which are highly technical and interrelated with other calculations, may be taken out of context, misinterpreted, or misconstrued; (3) the information contained in the documents is not available in public sources; and (4) the documents contain information which provides Bechtel with a competitive advantage because of the unique approaches for resolving complex factors and the amount of financial resources and manpower expended to develop the necessary expertise in this speciality area.

We have reviewed your affidavit and material based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR 2.790 and have determined that the above-mentioned documents sought to be withheld contain trade secrets, confidential, proprietary commercial or financial information.

We also have found at this time that the right of the public to be fully apprised as to the bases for and effects of the proposed action does not outweigh the demonstrated concern for protection of your competitive position. Accordingly, we have determined that the information should be withheld from public disclosure.

We therefore approve your request for withholding pursuant to Section 2.790 of 10 CFR Part 2 and are withholding the calculations as proprietary.

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Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of the report to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, assure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary data.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

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