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Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: D. M. Crutchfield, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 5
Division of Licensing
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

Subject: Docket No. 50-206
Return to Service Plan
Seismic Reevaluation Program
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
Unit 1

Over the last several months, we have met with NRC management and NRC staff personnel to discuss a return to service plan for the seismic reevaluation program. As discussed in these meetings, the basic premise of this plan is that all San Onofre Unit 1 structures and systems whose failure could cause an accident and/or whose function is required to get to and maintain a safe shutdown (hot standby, Mode 3) will be available following a 0.67g earthquake.

The details of the return to service plan are provided in the enclosed report. Based on the implementation of this plan, San Onofre Unit 1 can return to power without undue risk to the health and safety of the public even considering the possibility of a major earthquake at the plant site.

As discussed in our previous meetings, it is necessary that SCE obtain agreement with the NRC staff on the criteria to be applied to the seismic reevaluation program for return to service by mid-January 1984. As such, it is imperative that any questions you may have regarding our intentions in the enclosed plan be resolved as soon as possible. If there is anything that we can do to facilitate the NRC staff review, we will be pleased to provide additional information and/or meet with you as appropriate.

If you have any questions or comments on the enclosed plan, please contact me as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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