

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY)	
AND SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC)	Docket Nos. 50-206/361/362
COMPANY)	
)	
(San Onofre Nuclear Generating)	
Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3)	

EXEMPTION

I.

The Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (the licensees) holds Facility License Nos. DPR-13, NPF-10, and NPF-15, which authorize operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (the facilities). The licenses provide, among other things, that they are subject to all rules, regulations and Orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) now or hereafter in effect. These facilities are pressurized water reactors located in San Diego County, California.

II.

Section IV.F.1 of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50 requires each licensee of a nuclear power facility to conduct an annual emergency preparedness exercise and to include participation by appropriate State and local government agencies.

By letter dated January 19, 1984, the licensee requested an exemption from the requirement for State and local participation in the Annual Emergency Plan Exercise scheduled for February 29, 1984, at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2. The State and local governments

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within the San Onofre 10-mile emergency planning zone notified FEMA Region IX of their intent to withdraw from their commitment to participate in the February exercise.

On September 28, 1983, the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a final rule (44 CFR 350) which states in part at Section 350.9 that each State which has a commercial nuclear power site within its boundaries shall fully participate in an exercise jointly with the nuclear power plant licensee and appropriate local governments at least every two years. It further states that each appropriate local government which has a site within its boundaries or is within the 10-mile plume exposure pathway Emergency Planning Zone of such site shall fully participate in a joint exercise with the licensee and the State at least every two years.

Federal Emergency Management Agency Headquarters has notified FEMA Region IX that since the State of California and the local governments within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station are eligible to go to a biennial exercise frequency in accordance with 44 CFR 350, they are excused from participation in the annual exercise scheduled for February 1984.

The last full-scale emergency preparedness exercise at San Onofre was held on March 23, 1983. Federal Emergency Management Agency evaluation findings pertaining to State and local government participation in that exercise indicated that all jurisdictions reflected an adequate or better capability to respond to an offsite emergency at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

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Based on our evaluation, we conclude that the licensee's request for a one-time exemption for State and local governments is reasonable and that granting the request will not adversely affect the state of emergency preparedness at the San Onofre site. We conclude, therefore, that the licensee's request for an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.1 should be granted.

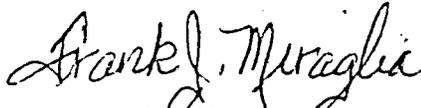
III.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, an exemption is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest.

The NRC staff has determined that the granting of this exemption will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with this action.

For further details with respect to this action see the licensee's request dated January 19, 1984, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and at the San Clemente Branch Library, 242 Avenida del Mar, San Clemente, California 92672.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Frank J. Miraglia, Acting Director
Division of Licensing

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland
this 29 day of February 1984.