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August 16, 1979

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

Dear Mr. Denton:

Subject: Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
Units 2 and 3

Following the events at Three Mile Island, Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company launched an evaluation program directed toward identifying appropriate changes to the design and operation of our San Onofre nuclear facilities. This program is comprehensive, including evaluations by ourselves, our contractors, and several consultants, as well as a review of all recommendations put forth by industry and governmental agencies.

The program was undertaken with the primary objective of defining, at the earliest possible date, all design and operational changes deemed necessary to modify San Onofre in a manner consistent with the latest consensus of what constitutes an upgraded level of nuclear safety while maintaining our operating license schedule.

The attached report entitled, "Evaluation and Action Plan for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3 Relative to the Three Mile Island Incident," dated August, 1979, presents the results to date of our continuing evaluation. The report provides commitments to proceed with the items identified in the Lessons Learned Task Force (with the exception of those items that require rulemaking) as well as additional items that we have identified as desirable to provide an upgraded level of nuclear safety. We have initiated engineering and procurement efforts required to implement the commitments contained in the report.

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In a meeting today, your staff was briefed on the additional steps we have taken to complete physical construction of Unit 2 by November, 1980, and the fact that we have submitted the information requested by your staff on the majority of the open items in our operating license review docket.

Accordingly, there is now a satisfactory basis for the staff to proceed with review of our operating license application on a schedule consistent with receipt of an operating license by November, 1980. Aside from the fact that timely operation of Unit 2 will result in the saving of approximately 925,000 BBL of oil per month and \$21,000,000 per month to our customers in fuel costs, this date is extremely important to Edison and San Diego because of our projected system demand requirements in 1981.

While recognizing that material availability and other factors outside of everyone's control, as discussed with your staff, pose an unprecedented challenge to complete TMI-related work in accordance with your desired regulatory schedules, it is nonetheless our intent to complete all work within the realm of physical possibility, and to work closely with your staff to maintain mutually acceptable schedules. Toward this end, if you consider it would be helpful, we are prepared to station some of our key technical personnel in our Washington, D.C. office for the purpose of uninterrupted liaison with your staff.

We will, of course, continue to follow the results of the Three Mile Island investigation and revise our plans as a result of additional changes that may be deemed necessary.

Because we are proceeding to have San Onofre, Unit 2 complete and ready for fuel loading by November, 1980, it is respectfully requested that your staff review of our operating license application be placed back on schedule for issuance of a license by November, 1980.

Your prompt attention to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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