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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
 Automatic Reactor Coolant Pump Trip Review
 San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
 Unit 1

- References: (1) IE Bulletin 79-06C, July 26, 1979
- (2) Letter, A. Arēnal, SCE to R. H. Engelken, NRC, Response to IE Bulletin 79-06C, August 29, 1979, Docket 50-206
- (3) Letter, H. L. Ottoson, SCE, to R. H. Engelken, NRC, Response to IE Bulletin 79-06C, September 26, 1979, Docket 50-206
- (4) Letter, R. H. Engelken, NRC, to H. L. Ottoson, SCE, Response to SCE's September 26, 1979 letter, October 3, 1979

Reference (1) forwarded to us IE Bulletin 79-06C. This bulletin required that an additional licensed operator be provided in the control room at all times during operation to immediately trip the reactor coolant pumps (RCPs) upon reactor trip and initiation of high pressure injection caused by low reactor coolant system pressure and to perform other immediate and followup actions required during such an occurrence.

Reference (2) stated our commitment to provide the two licensed operators requested. That letter also indicated our intention to proceed with a design change which would assure automatic tripping of the reactor coolant pumps upon initiation of safety injection.

Reference (3) notified you that the design change to trip the reactor coolant pumps had been completed, except for final electrical connection and requested that we be allowed to remove the second licensed operator from the control room.

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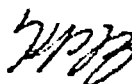
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Reference (4), your response to Reference (3), stated that we should not complete the final electrical connection until the NRR staff has completed its review. Also, the second licensed operator is to remain in the control room until the review is completed and the electrical connection made.

The purpose of this letter is to request that the NRR staff complete their review so that the electrical connection can be made during this outage and that, upon return to power from this outage, the second licensed operator will not be required in the control room. This will allow us to return our operating staff to an 8-hour shift, instead of the 12-hour shift necessitated by the two licensed operator requirement.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



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Safety, and Licensing

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