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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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In the Matter of  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
(Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2)  
Docket Nos. 50-275-LR and 50-323-LR

**RE: Projected Schedule for Completion of the Safety and Environmental Evaluations**

Dear Administrative Judges:

Pursuant to the Board's Revised Scheduling Order of November 19, 2012, this letter informs the Board of the NRC Staff's current milestone schedule for the Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 license renewal safety evaluation and environmental review.

PG&E's May 12, 2015 status report indicates that the milestone schedule is unchanged since PG&E's last submittal on April 14, 2015. It also states that PG&E will inform the NRC of the timing of any updated coastal consistency review filings when a schedule is established.

PG&E submitted updates to the environmental report, including the severe accident mitigation alternatives (SAMA) analysis, in February. PG&E also submitted updates to the DCPD seismic hazard in March 2015 in response to NRC letter dated March 12, 2012, regarding the 10 CFR 50.54(f) request for information pursuant to a post Fukushima Near-Term Task Force recommendation. The cover letter to PG&E's February submittal explains that PG&E is currently scheduled to complete an evaluation of the 2015 seismic hazard results on the SAMA analysis by June 2015.

Based on PG&E's recent submittals, the Staff reevaluated its review schedule. The Staff now expects that it will publish the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) in August 2016 and the final SEIS by May 2017.

In terms of the Staff's safety evaluation, the safety evaluation report (SER) was issued on June 2, 2011, and it will be supplemented as necessary to include any new information provided in PG&E's December 2014 and February 2015 updates or relevant from operating

experience, and information relevant to Diablo Canyon submitted in response to the staff's updated guidance since 2011. The Staff now expects to issue a supplemental SER in August 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R § 2.305, I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing letter regarding the Projected Schedule for Completion of the Safety and Environmental Evaluations, dated May 21, 2015, has been served upon the following by the Electronic Information Exchange, the NRC's E-Filing System, in the above captioned proceeding, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2015:

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