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July 18, 2016

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR  
REGULATORY COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF THE DIABLO CANYON POWER  
PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

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Effective immediately, Mr. Michael Wentzel has been assigned as the sole project manager for the DCPP LRA. If you have any questions about the suspension of the NRC staff's review, the revised schedule, or any information regarding future developments, please contact Mr. Wentzel at (301) 415-6459 or by e-mail at [michael.wentzel@nrc.gov](mailto:michael.wentzel@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Jane E. Marshall, Acting Director  
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Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323

Enclosure:  
As stated

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Letter from J. Marshall to E. Halpin dated July 18, 2016.

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**DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2  
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 REMAINING REVIEW SCHEDULE MILESTONES**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Issue Supplemental Safety Evaluation Report (SER)	TBD	
Issue Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)	TBD	
Publish EPA FRN – Draft SEIS Available for Comment	TBD	
Public Meeting – Draft SEIS Meeting	TBD	
End of Draft SEIS Comment Period	TBD	
ACRS Subcommittee Meeting	TBD	
ACRS Full Committee Meeting	TBD	
Issue Final SEIS	TBD	
Publish EPA FRN – Availability of Final SEIS	TBD	
License Renewal decision	TBD	

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