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Mr. Edward D. Halpin
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF REGULATORY CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE OF DIABLO CANYON DEFICIENCY INVOLVING INADEQUATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOTOR OPERATED VALVE LIMIT SWITCHES

Dear Mr. Halpin:

On November 15, 2016, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff met with representatives of Diablo Canyon Power Plant to discuss an apparent violation related to inadequate procedures associated with the installation of external limit switches on motor operated valves as documented in NRC Inspection Report 05000275/2016010 and 05000323/2016010, issued on October 3, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16277A340). The focus of the regulatory conference was a discussion of information important to characterize the safety significance of the procedural deficiency and differences between the NRC and Diablo Canyon Power Plant's probabilistic risk assessment methodologies used to evaluate the deficiency.

The NRC staff asked questions during this regulatory conference, with some questions requiring additional information that you supplied to us. The NRC will continue to review the information that you provided during the Regulatory Conference and the subsequent information that was requested in order to reach a final significance determination. We will issue a final significance determination letter to you when that review has been completed.

This Category 1 public meeting was attended by nine members of the public at the Region IV office, as well as eight members of the public on the teleconference bridge that was provided. Copies of the NRC slides are enclosed. At the regulatory conference, the slides presented by your staff included a short video of a proposed recovery option. Because of the size of this video, the NRC has loaded your presentation materials, with the embedded video, into the NRC's Public Document Room as a separate file. This file is accessible by members of the public at ADAMS Accession No. ML16335A439.

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Sincerely,

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November 15, 2016

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Agenda

- **Introduction of Participants**
- **NRC Opening Remarks**
- **Licensee Presentation**
- **NRC Caucus**
- **Final Questions**
- **Closing Remarks**
- **Conference Adjournment**
- **Questions and Comments from Members of the Public**

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