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SUBJECT: Forwards application for amends to licenses DPR-80 & DPR-82,
 consisting of LAR 94-03, revising TS 4.6.1.2, "Containment
 Integrity" to change SRs to allow more flexible Type A test
 scheduling. Exemption request from 10CFR50, App J also encl.

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Re: Docket No. 50-275, OL-DPR-80
Docket No. 50-323, OL-DPR-82
Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2
License Amendment Request 94-03
Revision of Technical Specification 4.6.1.2 - Revise Containment
Leakage Type A Test Schedule, and Exemption Request from
Requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix J

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is an application for amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82 for Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, respectively. The license amendment request (LAR) proposes to revise Technical Specification (TS) 4.6.1.2, "Containment Integrity," to change the surveillance requirements to allow more flexible Type A test scheduling (Type A tests are intended to measure the primary reactor containment overall integrated leakage rate). Also enclosed is an exemption request that proposes partial exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix J, Section III.D.1.(a) regarding the Type A test schedule.

This LAR and exemption request are not required to address an immediate safety concern. However, in accordance with the 40 ± 10 month interval scheduling requirement contained in TS 4.6.1.2, the third Type A test of the current Unit 1 10-year service period is scheduled for the sixth refueling outage in March 1994. Since the TS also requires the third Type A test to be conducted coincident with the shutdown for the 10-year plant inservice inspection, an additional Type A test, or an Appendix J exemption, will be required for the Unit 1 seventh refueling outage. A license amendment and exemption from the appropriate Appendix J requirement would prevent future exemption requests and allow more flexible scheduling of the Type A testing, thus resulting in a significant cost reduction.

For the purpose of assigning priority for NRC review, PG&E considers this LAR and the associated exemption request a cost beneficial licensing action, as defined in Thomas Murley's memorandum, dated September 17, 1993, to the NRC technical staff. Elimination of each unnecessary test will result in a

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savings of between approximately \$4-6 million for costs associated with equipment, personnel, and refueling outage critical path time. Over the 40-year life of Units 1 and 2, seven unnecessary tests would be eliminated, resulting in a savings of approximately \$28-42 million. Therefore, PG&E requests that the NRC assign a medium priority for review of this LAR and issue the license amendment by December 1994. PG&E requests that the revised TS be made effective 30 days after issuance of the license amendment.

Sincerely,



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