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Dear Commissioners and Staff:

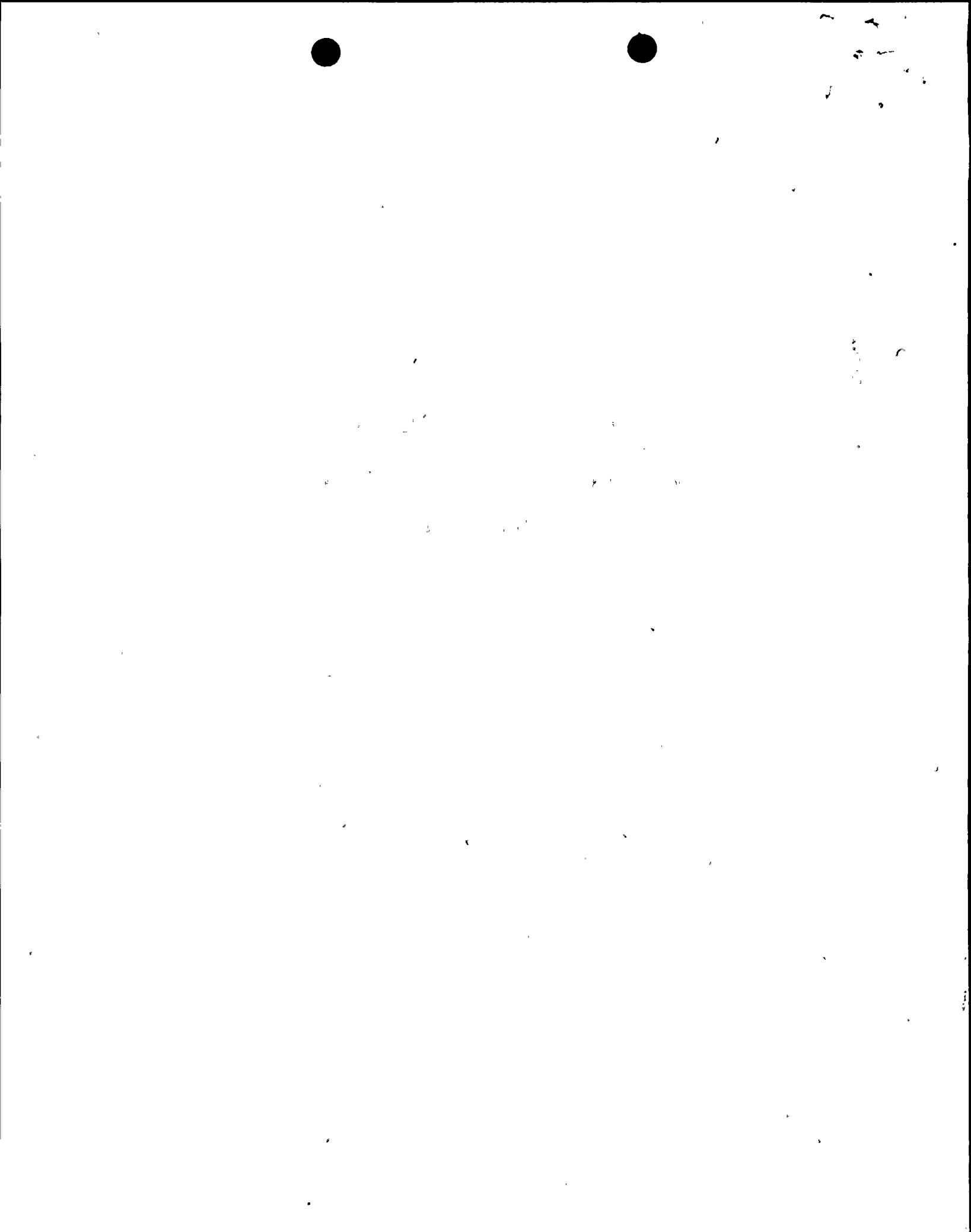
Generic Letter (GL) 96-01, "Testing of Safety-Related Logic Circuits," requires all licensees to perform a review of the reactor protection system logic, the engineered safety features actuation system logic, and the emergency diesel generator load shedding and sequencing circuitry to verify that all portions of the systems are tested as part of routine surveillance testing. The GL required that the reviews be completed prior to restart following the first refueling outage after January 10, 1997. For those plants converting to the new standard Technical Specifications (STS), the NRC allowed an extension to the second refueling outage to allow plants to perform their reviews in accordance with the new TS, as discussed at the NRC-NEI workshop on March 18, 1996, in College Park, Georgia.

In response to GL 96-01, PG&E letter DCL-96-090, dated April 18, 1996, indicated that a license amendment request (LAR) would be submitted to convert to the STS by December 31, 1996; and the GL review would be completed by the completion of the Unit 2 eighth refueling outage (2R8), scheduled for February 1998.

During meetings on November 14, 1996, and January 24, 1997, between NRC personnel and Pacific Gas and Electric Co., TU Electric, Union Electric, and Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation regarding the conversion to STS, a delay in the submittal of the conversion LAR and the impact on the GL 96-01 review were discussed. Although the submittal of the conversion LAR will be delayed, the GL 96-01 review will be completed by the completion of 2R8 as previously committed.

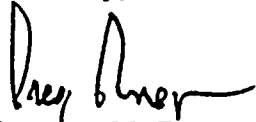
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It is PG&E's understanding that delay in the submittal of the conversion LAR is acceptable and will not affect the time allowed to complete implementation of GL 96-01 as long as the review is completed by the date specified in DCL 96-090. The review may be performed using either the current TS or the docketed improved TS submitted in the conversion LAR.

Sincerely,



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