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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELIEF - INSERVICE TESTING RELIEF REQUEST P-RR2 -TURBINE DRIVEN AUXILIARY FEEDWATER PUMPS - DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MA0205 AND MA0206)

Dear Mr. Rueger:

By letter dated November 19, 1997, Pacific Gas and Electric Company submitted revised relief request P-RR2 for Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, second ten-year interval program for inservice testing of pumps. This revised relief request was submitted in response to the NRC safety evaluated dated June 24, 1997, which authorized the alternative testing for an interim period of six months in order for Pacific Gas and Electric Company to provide additional information to justify the proposed alternative. The staff concludes that the proposed alternative testing is authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i) in that the proposed alternative provides an acceptable level of quality and safety.

The staff's evaluation and conclusions are contained in the enclosed safety evaluation.

Sincerely, Original Signed By William H. Bateman, Director Project Directorate IV-2 Division of Reactor Projects III/IV Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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