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 Specs 3/4.9.14.1 & 3/4.9.14.3 re checkerboard pattern
 storage of fuel assemblies in spent fuel pool Region 2.

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License Amendment Request 96-08

Revision of Technical Specifications 3/4.9.14.1 and 3/4.9.14.3 - Checkerboard
Pattern Storage of Fuel Assemblies in Spent Fuel Pool Region 2

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

Enclosed is an application for amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82. The enclosed license amendment request (LAR) proposes to change Technical Specification (TS) 3/4.9.14.1, "Spent Fuel Assembly Storage - Spent Fuel Pool Region 2," and TS 3/4.9.14.3, "Spent Fuel Assembly Storage - Spent Fuel Pool Region 1," to allow storage of fuel assemblies in a checkerboard pattern in region 2 of the spent fuel pool (SFP).

The proposed TS changes were previously submitted in PG&E Letter DCL-95-063 dated March 23, 1995, as part of a supplement to LAR 95-01 (submitted in PG&E Letter DCL-95-028 dated February 6, 1995). Although the proposed changes were evaluated as part of the review of LAR 95-01 and determined to be acceptable, as documented in the NRC's safety evaluation for License Amendment (LA) 104 and 103, the TS page revisions were inadvertently not issued in LA 104 and 103. The no significant hazards evaluation for LAR 95-01, published in the Federal Register (60 FR 11138), discussed the analyses performed for this change; the evaluation conclusions bounded the request to allow checkerboarding in region 2 of the SFP. However, the Federal Register notice did not specifically identify this change. Subsequently, it has been decided to submit this new LAR to specifically notice the changes in the Federal Register.

The changes proposed in this LAR are not required to address an immediate safety concern. PG&E requests that the NRC assign a medium priority for review and approval of this LAR. PG&E requests that the TS changes become

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effective immediately upon issuance of the LA, to be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.



Sincerely,

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