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**SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1, 2 AND 3 –
ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF THE LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO
CHANGE THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS TO REFLECT AN ISFSI-ONLY
CONFIGURATION (CAC NOS. L53157, L53158, AND L53159)**

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

By letter dated December 15, 2016, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16355A014), Southern California Edison (SCE) submitted a license amendment to revise the Facility Operating Licenses and associated Technical Specifications (TS) for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Units 1, 2, and 3, to reflect removal of all spent nuclear fuel from the SONGS, Units 2 and 3 spent fuel pools and its transfer to dry cask storage within an onsite independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI). The proposed changes would also make conforming changes to the SONGS, Unit 1 TS and combine them with the SONGS, Units 2 and 3 TS. These changes will more fully reflect the permanently shutdown status of the facility, as well as the reduced scope of structures, systems, and components necessary to ensure plant safety once all spent fuel has been permanently moved to the SONGS ISFSI, an activity which is currently scheduled for completion in 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of the submittal. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the current licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of this request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment.

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Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3178 or via e-mail at marlayna.vaaler@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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