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SUBJECT: GENERIC LETTER 83-28, ITEM 4.2 (TAC NO. 53908)

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Item 4.2 of Generic Letter 83-28 requires licensees or applicants to describe their preventative maintenance and surveillance program for ensuring reliable reactor trip breaker operation. Parts 3 and 4 of Item 4.2 pertain to life testing of an acceptable sample size of the breakers, and periodic replacement of the breakers or components consistent with demonstrated life cycles. PG&E submitted responses to Item 4.2 (Parts 3&4) by letters dated July 18, 1986 and November 20, 1986. Our review of these responses has led to the enclosed Request for Additional Information. Your response is requested within 60 days of your receipt of this letter. Please contact us if you should need any clarification of this request.

The reporting and/or recordkeeping requirements of this letter affect fewer than ten respondents; therefore, OMB clearance is not required under P.L. 96-511.

Sincerely,

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the integrity of the financial system and for the ability to detect and prevent fraud.

2. The second part of the document outlines the specific procedures for recording transactions. It details the steps involved in the accounting cycle, from identifying the transaction to posting it to the appropriate ledger account.

3. The third part of the document discusses the role of internal controls in ensuring the accuracy of the financial records. It describes various control measures, such as segregation of duties and independent verification, that are designed to minimize the risk of errors and fraud.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of reconciling the financial records with external sources, such as bank statements and vendor invoices. It explains how regular reconciliations can help identify discrepancies and ensure that the records are up-to-date and accurate.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the role of the auditor in verifying the accuracy of the financial records. It describes the various audit procedures that are used to test the reliability of the accounting system and to provide an independent opinion on the financial statements.

6. The sixth part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of the financial records. It describes the various measures that are taken to protect the information from unauthorized access and disclosure.

7. The seventh part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining the integrity of the financial records. It describes the various measures that are taken to ensure that the records are not tampered with or altered in any way.

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10. The tenth part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining the transparency of the financial records. It describes the various measures that are taken to ensure that the records are accessible to all relevant parties and that the information is presented in a clear and understandable manner.

11. The eleventh part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining the reliability of the financial records. It describes the various measures that are taken to ensure that the records are based on accurate and reliable information.

12. The twelfth part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining the consistency of the financial records. It describes the various measures that are taken to ensure that the records are prepared in accordance with the same accounting principles and methods throughout the period.

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
ITEM 4.2 (PARTS 3&4) OF GENERIC LETTER 83-28  
DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1,2

Item 4.2 of Generic Letter 83-28 requires licensees or applicants to describe their preventative maintenance and surveillance program for ensuring reliable reactor trip breaker (RTB) operation. Parts 3 and 4 of Item 4.2 pertain to life testing of an acceptable sample size of the breakers, and periodic replacement of the breakers or components consistent with demonstrated life cycles. The licensee submitted responses to Item 4.2 (Parts 3&4) by letters dated July 18, 1986 and November 20, 1986.

In their November 20, 1986 response, the licensee referenced WCAP-10852 "Report of the DB-50 Reactor Trip Breaker Shunt and Undervoltage Trip Attachments Life Cycle Tests." WCAP-10852 addresses only cyclic testing on RTB trip attachments. It neither addresses life qualification of the RTBs nor noncyclic life-limiting or performance-degrading phenomena (i.e., aging) for the trip attachments. Therefore, WCAP-10852 does not constitute an acceptable response to the concern of the generic letter.

In their November 20, 1986 response, the licensee also referenced WCAP-8687, Supp. 2-E62B, Addendum 1, Rev-0 4/86; stating that the report provides details on the equipment qualification (aging and seismic testing) for the shunt trip attachment. This report pertains to the shunt trip attachment only, with limited thermal and mechanical aging.

If it can be demonstrated that the qualified life of the RTB exceeds the life of the plant, then the specific qualified life need not be identified. In a practical sense, the intent of the life testing requirement of the generic letter would be satisfied by demonstrating that the qualified life of the breaker (for the tripping function) exceeds the expected use projected to the next refueling. Cycle testing by the various owners groups, although it does not consider the effects of aging, may provide evidence to support continued use of the RTBs for one additional refueling cycle, provided that the individual breaker has not shown a sign of degradation based on the licensee's Parametric Trend Monitoring Program. In this approach, the actual qualified life is not specifically identified, but is only demonstrated to be adequate.





Ongoing life testing is an acceptable alternative to formal life testing for the purpose of establishing a specific qualified life for RTBs. Ongoing life testing will demonstrate that the qualified life, though not specifically known, is longer (in terms of cycles and time) than the integrated service that will be accumulated through the next refueling interval. The description of an ongoing qualification program should include the following:

- (1) an estimate of the number of demands between refueling outages to which the RTB must respond, and the basis for the estimate.
- (2) a definition of relevant, end-of-life related failures (Note that random failures occurring during the constant hazard rate portion of the "bathtub curve" (plot of failure rate vs. time) are not relevant to a life test. The licensee should (a) identify the possible failure modes, (b) categorize each failure mode as an end-of-life type or not, and (c) present a general methodology for categorizing future failure modes that may not be included in (a).
- (3) the action to be taken upon any failure.

The staff finds that the licensee has not committed to a life testing program. The licensee should qualify their breakers by (a) actual life testing of the breakers, including aging, on an acceptable sample size or (b) establishing an ongoing life testing program. If the first alternative is selected, the licensee should present the results of the life testing to the staff for review. If the second alternative is selected, the licensee should describe their ongoing life testing program, including the three items identified above.

The licensee should also present for staff review a replacement program for the breaker and breaker components based on the results of their life qualification program. For ongoing qualification, the licensee should describe how the ongoing qualification results will be used to establish replacement cycles and times.

