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Dear Mr. Schuyler:

Subject: Diablo Canyon - RHR Suction Line Isolation Valves

In the Diablo Canyon SER Supplement 22 we presented our evaluation of Allegation 45 regarding the autoclosure interlock feature for the RHR system suction line isolation valves. As indicated in the allegation the Diablo Canyon FSAR has not been updated to reflect the changes made to the control of the valves by Technical Specifications and procedures. Section 7.6.2 and Section 5.5.7 of the Diablo Canyon FSAR describe the interlock features provided to close the valves. On the other hand, Technical Specification 3.4.9.3 and plant operating procedure B-2:11 require the RHR suction line isolation valves to be open with power removed from the valve operators during Modes 6, 5 and 4. Without power to the operators, the auto-closure function is defeated, and therefore the current FSAR description is incorrect.

As discussed in SSER-22 we believe the best course of action is to continue with the current technical specification and operating procedure which call for power to be removed from the RHR suction isolation valves during Modes 6, 5 and 4 until the low flow alarm is installed. Pacific Gas and Electric Company committed, in a letter of February 15, 1984, to install the RHR low flow alarm prior to operation above 5 percent power, that is Mode 1. We request that you provide a description of the low flow alarm, including the setpoint. We will review this information to ensure that our concerns have been adequately addressed. In addition, the Technical Specification 3.4.9.3 and operating procedure B-2:11 must be changed within three months after the low flow alarm is installed to require power to be available to the valves.

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In the meantime, we do not feel that changes to the Diablo Canyon FSAR are necessary since these FSAR sections will be correct after the Technical Specification changes are made. Furthermore, in accordance with our letter of February 12, 1984 you will update the FSAR by September 1984. We request that you provide us with the above requested information within one week after receipt of this letter and inform us when the alarm has been installed. We consider resolution of this item as necessary prior to issuance of a full-power license.

Sincerely,

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