

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
DOCKET NO. 50-312
NOTICE OF AUTHORIZATION TO RESUME OPERATION

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued an Order on May 7, 1979 (44 F.R. 27779, May 11, 1979), to Sacramento Municipal Utility District (the licensee), holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-54, for the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station (Rancho Seco), confirming that the licensee accomplish a series of actions, both immediate and long term, to increase the capability and reliability of Rancho Seco to respond to various transient events. In addition, the Order confirmed that the licensee would shut down Rancho Seco on April 28, 1979, and maintain the plant in a shutdown condition until the following actions had been satisfactorily completed:

- (a) Upgrade the timeliness and reliability of delivery from the Auxiliary Feedwater System by carrying out actions as identified in Enclosure 1 of the licensee's letter of April 27, 1979.
- (b) Develop and implement operating procedures for initiating and controlling auxiliary feedwater independent of Integrated Control System control.
- (c) Implement a hard-wired control-grade reactor trip that would be actuated on loss of main feedwater and/or turbine trip.
- (d) Complete analyses for potential small breaks and develop and implement operating instructions to define operator action.

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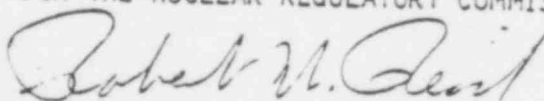
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- (e) Provide for one Senior Licensed Operator assigned to the control room who has had Three Mile Island Unit No. 2 (TMI-2) training on the B&W simulator.

By submittal of May 14, 1979, seven letters dated May 22, 24, 29, 30(3) and June 6, 1979, the licensee has documented the actions taken in response to the May 7 Order. Notice is hereby given that the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (the Director) has reviewed this submittal and has concluded that the licensee has satisfactorily completed the actions prescribed in items (a) through (e) of paragraph (1) of Section IV of the Order, that the specified analyses are acceptable and the specified implementing procedures are appropriate. Accordingly, by letter dated June 27, 1979, the Director has authorized the licensee to resume operation of Rancho Seco. The bases for the Director's conclusions are more fully set forth in a Safety Evaluation dated June 27, 1979.

Copies of (1) the licensee's letters dated May 14, 1979, and seven letters dated May 22, 24, 29, 30(3) and June 6, 1979, (2) the Director's letter dated June 27, 1979 and (3) the Safety Evaluation dated June 27, 1979, are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20555, and are being placed in the Commission's local public document room in the Business and Municipal Department, Sacramento City-County Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland,
this 27th day of June 1979.

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