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The Honorable Emilio E. Varanini, III
 Member, Nuclear Fuel Cycle Committee
 California Energy Commission
 1111 Howe Avenue
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Dear Mr. Varanini:

I am pleased to respond to your mailgram of June 7, 1979, to Chairman Joseph Hendrie of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Since the substance of your correspondence is a matter at issue now pending before the NRC, I have been directed to provide this response for Chairman Hendrie.

After studying your mailgram, I considered that a personal briefing of the California Energy Commission by members of the NRC staff would be the most appropriate mechanism for providing you with a complete and timely response. I understand that this briefing was held on June 21, 1979, and that the issues that you raised in your mailgram were addressed at that time. Rather than readdress these issues, I will allow the information conveyed at the briefing to stand on its own with no further elaboration.

If you have any additional questions concerning the background of the May 7, 1979, Rancho Seco Order for shutdown, or the NRC's method of dealing with the Order, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

(Signature)
 H. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director
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