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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Docket No. 50-133

Mr. John C. Morrissey
Vice President & General Counsel
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
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Dear Mr. Morrissey:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 18 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-7 for the Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit No. 3. This amendment consists of changes to Technical Specifications in response to your application dated October 20, 1978 as supplemented January 24, 1979.

Because reactor system containment is not required until power operation resumes, this amendment provides a one time waiver of the reactor system containment integrated leak rate test until that time. The amendment also includes the following administrative changes to the Technical Specifications:

1. An allowable tolerance for performing surveillance intervals,
2. An additional member for the Plant Staff Review Committee,
3. Correction of a typographical error, and
4. Clarification of General Office Nuclear Power Plant Review and Audit Committee responsibilities.

We found it necessary to make certain changes to your proposed Technical Specifications. These changes have been discussed with and agreed to by your staff.

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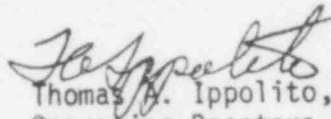
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Copies of the Safety Evaluation and Notice of Issuance are also enclosed.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 18
2. Safety Evaluation
3. Notice

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