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Dear Chairman Carr,

The Environmental Conservation Organization believes that in the coming years California will need the power that the Rancho Seco Nuclear Station can produce.

We believe that the price of natural gas will rise, and that Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station could produce power at competitive prices without the emissions of oxides of nitrogen and carbon to the atmosphere that will come from burning that gas.

Environmental Conservation Organization does not want restart tainted by any actions omitted during this entire process. We recognize that actions related to normal refueling operations do not represent any compromise to the plant or license. This may not be true for so-called "defueling actions".

NRC must know the status of the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station at all times to make sure that the plant license is respected, so that the plant is not allowed to deteriorate.

While Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station holds a valid operating license, certain conditions must be met. If relaxations are sought in requirements for tests and inspections that could compromise the plant, license amendments may have to be applied for.

To date, the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station appears to have taken no steps that would preclude the use of Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station at some future date. However, even though the proposed "possession only" license amendment has not been filed, we are concerned about the possibility that steps might be taken which could compromise the potential restart of the plant.

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The Environmental Conservation Organization would consider any such amendment, or the permission by the NRC to permit any such actions a major Federal action. We ask that you monitor every proposed action by the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station and keep us informed. Should approval of any such actions be sought, Environmental Conservation Organization intends to intervene.

Environmental Conservation Organization appreciates the continued dissemination of communications to us.

Sincerely,

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