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November 5, 1980

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Mr. R. H. Engelken, Director
Region V Office of Inspection & Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1990 North California Boulevard
Walnut Creek Plaza, Suite 202
Walnut Creek, California 94936



Re: Operating License DPR-54
Docket No. 50-312
Reportable Occurrence 80-44

Dear Mr. Engelken:

In accordance with Technical Specifications Section 6.9.4.1(i), the Sacramento Municipal Utility District submitted written confirmation of a 24-hour Licensee Event Report on November 3, 1980. At the request of Mr. R. Faulkenberry and G. Zwetzig of your staff, the following additional information is being submitted.

The November 3, 1980 letter addressed the inability to obtain qualification documentation for Meletron pressure switches in accordance with I&E Bulletin 79-01B. Additionally, the letter addressed the District's plans to meet the environmental qualification requirements within the specified time frame.

To provide justification for interim operation, District engineers have reviewed the design of the circuit associated with the Meletron switches. The design review concluded that the two credible failure modes for the switch, either a short or a ground, would not prevent the circuit from performing its intended function. A third failure mode, specifically an open circuit, is not considered a credible failure mode from an environmental qualification standpoint. Since no credible failure mode, induced by a harsh environment, will prevent the circuit from performing its intended function, continued interim operation is justifiable.

As stated in the November 3, 1980 letter, a followup report will be submitted within 14 days.

Sincerely,

R. J. Rodriguez
Manager, Nuclear Operations

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