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Dear Mr. Mattimoe:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION (TS) - DIESEL
GENERATOR OPERABILITY, LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION (LCO)

Rancho Seco TS LCO 3.7.2.C specifies that the reactor shall not remain critical unless both diesel generators are operable. If one diesel generator becomes inoperable, continued reactor operation is permissible for 15 days provided additional testing of the operable diesel generator is performed. At the end of the 15 day period, continued reactor operation is permissible for an additional 15 days (30 days total) if the operable diesel generator is run continuously.

We have reviewed this LCO and find that, based on the present plant configuration, continued reactor operation for 30 days with only one diesel generator available no longer appears appropriate.

The Rancho Seco facility was originally licensed for a main turbine-generator full load rejection capability upon breaker trip. With a full load rejection capability, the main generator would continue to provide station A.C. power upon loss of offsite power. The installation of anticipatory reactor trips has subsequently eliminated this capability - which in turn increases the reliance that must be placed on the diesel generators. Additionally, our review of your voltage analysis, provided in response to the Adequacy of Station Voltage task, indicates that the diesel generators at Rancho Seco may be called upon more frequently to maintain adequate voltage levels on the Class 1E buses.

Accordingly, within 90 days of receipt of this letter, please submit a proposed TS change to reduce the time the reactor may remain critical with only one diesel generator available. We recommend that you adopt

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the provision of the B&W Standard Technical Specifications in this regard or, as a minimum, that the LCO be reduced from 30 to 15 days. This latter change could be accomplished by deleting the second sentence and the words "the second" in the last sentence of LCO 3.7.2.C.

The reporting and/or recording keeping requirements contained in this letter affect fewer than ten respondents; therefore, OMB clearance is not required under P.L. 96-511.

Sincerely,

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