



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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May 29, 1990

Docket No. 50-312

Mr. Dan R. Keuter:
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Dear Mr. Keuter:

SUBJECT: RETURN OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 165, 166, 169 AND 171 (TAC NOS. 69014, 72737, 72735 AND 72734)

We have suspended our review and are returning the following applications for proposed amendments (PAs) to Operating License DPR-54 for Rancho Seco:

1. PA 165: Addition of a ventilation radiation monitor to the Interim On-Site Storage Building (TAC No. 69014),
2. PA 166: Editorial and technical changes to Technical Specifications (TAC No. 72737),
3. PA 169: Modify the nuclear service battery surveillance requirements (TAC No. 72735), and
4. PA 171: Numerous editorial and administrative changes to Technical Specifications (TAC No. 72734).

The continuation of our review of these PAs would not result in a significant increase in safety nor provide any significant benefits to SMUD due to the following reasons: 1) the permanent plant closure on June 7, 1989, 2) the defueled state of Rancho Seco, 3) the active pursuit of decommissioning by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), and 4) the ongoing review of your application for PA 182: Defueled Technical Specifications. Therefore, we are returning your applications (enclosed).

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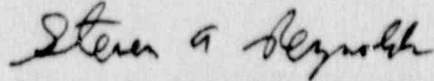
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You may resubmit these applications for proposed amendments if the decision to decommission Rancho Seco is changed.

Sincerely,



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