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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Palladino
Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Ahearne
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Asselstine

FROM: William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: DIABLO CANYON DESIGN VERIFICATION PROGRAM - PHASE II

On November 19, 1981, the Commission issued an Order (CLI 81-30) that suspended the license for fuel loading and low power test operation for Diablo Canyon Unit 1. The Commission's Order sets forth the requirements for a design verification program that must be satisfactorily completed prior to the restoration of that license. The activities necessary to comply with the requirements of the Order have become known as Phase I of the Diablo Canyon Design Verification Program.

On the same date, the staff issued a letter to Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) that sets forth requirements that must be completed prior to the staff recommending operation at a power level above 5%. The activities that comply with the requirements of the staff letter have become known as Phase II of the Diablo Canyon Design Verification Program.

The program plan for Phase II of the Design Verification Program was submitted by Teledyne on June 19, 1982. The staff has requested, by letters dated July 8, 1982, the Governor of the State of California and the Joint Intervenors to provide their comments on the proposed program plan. The Phase II program plan is under review by the staff and is expected to be completed in early August.

In addition, the staff is reviewing a number of Interim Technical Reports resulting from Phase I activities. A meeting is being scheduled in late July to discuss with Teledyne and PG&E the results of an independent design analysis of the Diablo Canyon Unit 1 containment annulus structure performed by the staff consultant, Brookhaven National Laboratory. Consideration is being given to a meeting with PG&E and Teledyne in early August to discuss the status of Phase I and II activities.

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As a result of the above activities, the staff anticipates that it will be able to brief the Commission on the activities conducted to date and its recommendations regarding the Phase II program in late August. This briefing will be held prior to any NRR approval of Phase II.

(Signed) William J. Dircks

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