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In the Matter of
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
(Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station)
Docket No. 50-312 (SP)

Dear Members of the Appeal Board:

In your Order dated September 30, 1982, you correctly noted that the Staff letter to you dated August 18, 1982, indicated that we intended to complete our final review of the reliability study of the modified auxiliary feed-water (AFW) system before it is installed by SMUD at the January 1983 refueling outage. Based on this information, you requested that the Staff inform you of the results of its reviews of the reliability analysis by December 1, 1982.

It has now come to my attention that the Staff was incorrect regarding when SMUD intends to install the safety-grade AFW control system at Rancho Seco. By transmittal letter dated April 15, 1982, SMUD informed the Staff that it would be installing the modifications to the AFW system in the next refueling outage after January 1983 (mid-1984). However, Brookhaven has completed its review of the SMUD reliability study and the Staff expects to complete its review prior to December 1, 1982. Accordingly, notwithstanding our mistake

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regarding the time of installation, we will be able to complete our reviews in order to comply with your request. A copy of the Brookhaven review will be sent to you as soon as it is received by the Staff.

Sincerely,

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