

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, ET AL.

DOCKET NO. 50-361

NOTICE OF DENIAL OF AMENDMENT TO

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied in part a request by the licensees for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-10, issued to the Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, the City of Riverside, California and the City of Anaheim, California for operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2 in San Diego County, California. The Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments was published in the Federal Register on November 21, 1984 (49 F.R. 45964).

The amendment, as proposed by the licensees, would change the Unit 2 and 3 Technical Specifications to revise the minimum allowable value of the addressable constant TR (azimuthal tilt allowance) from 1.02 to 1.0 in Table 2.2-2, "Core Protection Calculator Addressable Constants". The purpose of the proposed Technical Specification change to lower the minimum allowable value of TR is to reflect the reduced COLSS tilt estimate in the situation where there is no appreciable azimuthal power tilt in the core. However, since the minimum value of azimuthal tilt is 1.0, use of 1.0 for the TR in the CPC would result in frequent occurrences of the azimuthal tilt exceeding the TR, and therefore violating Technical Specification 3.4.2.3. This would increase the burden of the plant operators for compliance with the Action requirements specified in the Technical Specification. Therefore, the proposed Technical Specification change to reduce the minimum allowable value of the TR from 1.02 to 1.0 is not acceptable for the SONGS Units 2 and 3 Cycle 2 operation.

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By April 10, 1985, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

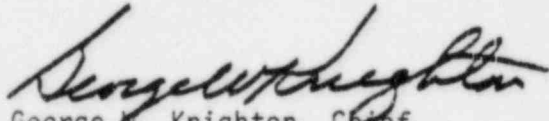
A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Charles R. Kocher, Esq., Southern California Edison Company, 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, P.O. Box 800, Rosemead, California 91770 and Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe, Attention: David R. Pigott, Esq., 600 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California 94111, attorney for the licensees.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated October 1, 1984, and (2) the Commission's Safety Evaluation issued with Amendments 32 and 21 to NPF-10 and NPF-15 dated March 1, 1985, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the San Clemente Library, 242 Avenida Del Mar, San Clemente, California. A copy of Item (2) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 1st day of March, 1985.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George W. Knighton".

George W. Knighton, Chief
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