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Attention: Mr. Donald J. Skovholt

Assistant Director for Operating Reactors Directorate of Licensing

Re: Docket No. 50-133

License No. DPR-7

Humboldt Bay Power Plant

Gentlemen:

Your letter dated May 21, 1973 requests, pursuant to Section 50.36(d)(3) of 10 CFR 50, that we submit proposed technical specifications to replace our existing Technical Specifications, which were issued in 1963 as a part of the operating license for Humboldt Bay Unit No. 3. These proposed technical specifications will be prepared by plant operating and technical support personnel, in accordance with our normal Company practice. The plant staff is currently engaged in the major project of reviewing and, where necessary, revising or replacing the existing administrative procedures, equipment descriptions, and normal and emergency operating procedures in accordance with the commitment made in our letter to you dated March 2, 1973. This will update the Operating Manual for the facility to comply with Regulatory Guide 1.33, Quality Assurance Program Requirements (Operation). This work is expected to be completed by the end of 1973 at which time preparation of the technical specifications under the new format will commence.

In conjunction with this work of revising the technical specifications pursuant to Section 50.36(d)(3), appropriate revisions will be made to reflect the requirements of the augmented off-gas system for the Unit. It is appropriate to combine these two submissions since each involves extensive modification to the existing Technical Specifications. As previously discussed with your staff, the requirements of the off-gas system will be defined after some

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operating experience with the system has been accumulated. Thus the combined submission will follow the installation and initial operation of the revised off-gas system. The installation of this system is planned for the October 1974 refueling outage.

This schedule is dependent upon the operations and regulatory workload which comprises the plant staff's normal duties. However, no significant delay is anticipated at this time.

Very truly yours,

F.T. Searls

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