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Kenneth Kahn, Chairman Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians P.O. Box 517 Santa Ynez, CA 93460

SUBJECT: CONCLUSION OF SECTION 106 CONSULTATION AND NOTICE OF

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL (DOCKET NUMBERS: 50-275 AND 50-323)

## Dear Chairman Kenneth Kahn:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the final supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS), NUREG–1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 62, Regarding License Renewal of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2." Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2 (DCPP) is operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and is located in San Luis Obispo County, California. The NRC initiated consultation with your office regarding this project on January 24, 2024. In accordance with Title 36 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (36 CFR) Section 800.8(c), the NRC staff elected to use the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, process to comply with its obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

The purpose of this letter is to notify your office of the publication information for the final SEIS and to document the NRC's completion of the NHPA Section 106 process as outlined in 36 CFR Part 800. The final SEIS evaluated the environmental impacts of the proposed action (i.e., renewing the DCPP operating licenses for an additional 20 years of operation) and alternatives to the proposed action. The proposed action has the potential to impact the National Register of Historic Places-listed *Rancho Cañada de Los Osos y Pecho y Islay* archaeological district. However, after review of the proposed action and PG&E's procedures and inadvertent discovery plans, the NRC staff determined that the proposed action would result in no adverse effect to historic properties, as defined in 36 CFR 800.5(b). Plant operations and maintenance activities necessary to support the continued operation of DCPP for an additional 20 years would be limited to previously disturbed areas and would be expected to be similar to current operations. Overall, after considering all potentially affected environmental resources as discussed in the final SEIS, the NRC staff concluded that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for DCPP are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy-planning decisionmakers would be unreasonable.

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The final SEIS is available via the following link: DCPP final SEIS. The final SEIS may also be obtained online in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Documents collection at https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html under Accession No. ML25156A357. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. You may also find general information concerning the DCPP license renewal application at the following link: https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/diablo-canyon.html.

If you have any questions concerning the NRC's license renewal review, please contact Jennifer Davis, Staff Archaeologist, by phone at 301-415-3835 or via email at Jennifer. Davis@nrc.gov, or Kim Conway, Environmental Project Manager, by phone at 301-415-1335 or via email at Kimberly.Conway@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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