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Subject: Acceptance Review: Diablo Canyon request to revise 10 CFR 50.69 process to incorporate EPRI report, "Enhanced Risk-Informed Categorization Methodology for Pressure Boundary Components" (EPID: L-2026-LLA-0086)
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By letter dated April 21, 2026 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML26112A030), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the licensee) submitted a license amendment request for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Diablo Canyon). The proposed change would revise the license condition associated with the adoption of 10 CFR 50.69, "Risk-informed categorization and treatment of structures, systems and components for nuclear power reactors," that was added to the Diablo Canyon operating licenses upon issuance of Amendments 247 and 249. Specifically, the proposed change would incorporate use of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Technical Report No. 3002033536, "Enhanced Risk-Informed Categorization Methodology for Pressure Boundary Components (Revision 1-A)," dated August 2025.

The purpose of this email is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed change in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, the licensee will be advised by separate correspondence.

Applying the NRC staff's Graded Estimate Method (ML26096A065), the NRC staff's estimate for this review is 355 hours. As requested, the NRC staff expects to complete the review within 6 months following completion of the NRC's acceptance review, that is, November 29, 2026. If emergent complexities or challenges arise during the NRC staff's review that affect the initial forecasted completion date or result in significant changes to the estimated review hours, the reasons for those changes—along with updated estimates—will be communicated during routine interactions with the assigned project manager. These estimates are based on the NRC staff's initial review of the application and may change due to several factors, including requests for additional information, unanticipated expansion of the review scope, hearing-related activities, or if the submittal is provided to the NRC in advance of or concurrently with industry program initiatives or pilot applications.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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