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**Subject: Docket No 50-361 and 50-362
Voluntary Report
Licensee Event Report No. 1999-006
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3**

Gentlemen:

This submittal provides a voluntary Licensee Event Report (LER) describing a potential conflict between two different Technical Specifications. Because this occurrence is applicable to both Units 2 and 3, a single report for Unit 2 is being submitted in accordance with NUREG-1022, Rev. 1. Neither the health nor the safety of plant personnel or the public was affected by this occurrence or condition.

Any actions listed are intended to ensure continued compliance with existing commitments as discussed in applicable licensing documents; this LER contains no new commitments. If you require any additional information, please so advise.

Sincerely,

LER No. 1999-006

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TITLE (4): Pressurizer Heaters and EDG Power requirements - Voluntary Report

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT DATE			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)	
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OPERATING MODE	1	THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR §: (Check One or More) (11)								
		20.2201(b)		20.2203(a)(2)(v)		50.73(a)(2)(i)		50.73(a)(2)(viii)		
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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single-spaced typewritten lines (16))

On September 9, 1998, the NRC issued Amendments 141 and 133 which changed the Technical Specification (TS) allowed out of service time limit for an emergency diesel generator (EDG) (EK) from 72 hours to 14 days.

Prior to November 22, 1999, TS 3.4.9 required two groups of pressurizer (PZR) heaters be capable of being powered from an emergency power supply. If one group of pressurizer heaters became inoperable, this TS required the affected group to be restored to operable status within 72 hours. Recently, SCE became aware that the TS wording "capable of being powered from an emergency power supply" could be interpreted to mean "from an Operable EDG." Consequently, SCE requested a TS amendment to remove this phrase. This request was granted by the NRC on November 22, 1999 (Amendments 161 and 152).

Using the alternate TS interpretation listed above, TS 3.4.9 could have required SCE to declare a pressurizer heater group inoperable whenever its associated EDG was out of service. Because there may have been one or more instances when an EDG was out of service for more than 72 hours between the two dates listed above, SCE is voluntarily providing this report to the NRC.

There is no safety significance to this issue. In amendments 161 and 152, the NRC stated that removing this phrase was acceptable because (1) the pressurizer heaters are permanently installed on Class 1E safety-related buses, (2) this design is described in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report and the TS Bases, (3) the relevant TMI action item requirements continue to be met, and (4) the change is consistent with the CE Standard Tech Specs. No corrective actions beyond this TS amendment are required.

There have been no similar TS conflicts reported within the past 2 years.