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**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-361/99-16; 50-362/99-16 AND
DENIAL OF VIOLATION**

Dear Mr. Ray:

This is in reference to your letter dated February 1, 2000, in which the Southern California Edison Co. (SCE) denied a violation of Technical Specification 5.5.1.1. Your letter was in response to a violation documented in NRC Inspection Report 50-361/99-16; 50-362/99-16, dated January 7, 2000. The violation resulted from the failure to properly lock a saltwater cooling heat exchanger outlet valve on each unit.

Your basis for disputing the violation included your determination that the valve locking devices satisfied all of the applicable program and procedural requirements for locked valves. As a result, since the locking devices on the subject valves complied with all applicable regulatory requirements, you asserted that no violation occurred.

We have reviewed the content of your letter and determined that you met the requirements of your locked valve program and procedures. Accordingly, we have determined that there was no violation of regulatory requirements. Noncited Violation 50-361/99-16; 50-362/99-16 is hereby withdrawn. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Kriss Kennedy at 817/276-6542.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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