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Docket No. 50-323, OL-DPR-82
Diablo Canyon Unit 2
Revised Schedule for Reactor Vessel
Closure Head Penetration Inspection

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

On April 1, 1997, the NRC staff issued Generic Letter (GL) 97-01 to address issues related to degradation of pressurized water reactor control rod drive mechanism and other vessel closure head penetrations.

PG&E volunteered, as part of the industry program to resolve the issues identified in GL 97-01, to perform an inspection of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant Unit 2 reactor vessel closure head penetrations during the Unit 2 tenth refueling outage scheduled for Spring 2001. As a result of a reassessment of this schedule in light of the inspection program philosophy and information regarding recent industry cracking experience, PG&E intends to defer the inspection to the Unit 2 twelfth refueling outage scheduled for Fall 2004. This will make the projected flaw probability closer to that of DC Cook Unit 2 at the time its crack was discovered in 1994. This change in schedule was discussed with the NRC staff on September 13, 2000, which considered it acceptable based on scheduled inspections at other plants.

Sincerely,



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