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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR SAN ONOFRE
NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 (TAC NOS. MB0957 AND
MB0958)

Dear Mr. Ray:

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Sincerely,

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