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Subject: Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362
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Units 2 and 3

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has actively participated in recent NRC and industry efforts to improve Technical Specifications. SCE believes that these efforts, the Technical Specification Improvement Project (TSIP), have progressed to the point where implementation of the recommended improvements in plant-specific applications is now feasible. The Technical Specification Coordination Branch (TSCB) has informally solicited candidates from each of the NSSS vendor owners groups to be lead plants for implementation of the TSIP recommendations. The lead plants will demonstrate both the practicality and benefits to be gained from implementation.

SCE will commit the resources necessary for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Units 2 and 3 to be the lead plant candidate from the Combustion Engineering Owners Group (CEOG). CEOG endorsement of SONGS 2 and 3 as the lead plant has been sought by SCE and is expected to be made by separate letter in the near future.

SCE will work closely with the CEOG, Atomic Industrial Forum, the TSCB, and the Division of PWR Licensing-B to ensure that our plant-specific submittal accurately reflects the TSIP recommendations and is representative of the proposed CEOG Topical Report. SCE intends that the SONGS 2 and 3 plant-specific amendment request will be coordinated with submittal of the CEOG Topical Report on Model Restructured Technical Specifications which is anticipated by approximately May 1, 1987.

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SCE would expect that our amendment request would be reviewed in parallel with the CEOG Topical Report. SCE understands that NRC resources have been committed to review the CEOG Topical within six months of its submittal. SCE looks forward to working with the NRC staff to implement these meaningful improvements to Technical Specifications.

If you require any additional information regarding SCE's plans in this area, please call me.

Very truly yours,

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