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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362
Spent Fuel Pool Reracking (TAC Nos. 68308/9)
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
Units 2 and 3

Reference: March 10, 1989 letter from Kenneth P. Baskin (SCE) to
Document Control Desk, Subject: Same as above

By the above reference Southern California Edison (SCE) has requested NRC approval for installation and use of high density spent fuel racks at San Onofre Units 2 and 3 by September 10, 1989. SCE also requested a preliminary assessment from the NRC staff regarding the acceptability of the free-standing spent fuel rack structural analysis and design in order to obtain input from the NRC prior to beginning rack fabrication. Based on meetings on April 25, 26 and 27, 1989 at the Westinghouse offices in Pensacola, Florida and a conference call on May 12, 1989 with the NRC structural engineering staff and consultant, it is SCE's understanding that significant progress has been made toward completing the review of the rack analysis and design. During the May 12, 1989 conference call the NRC structural reviewer and consultant stated that they are generally comfortable with the rack analysis and design. However, overall approval also depends on NRC review of the several additional items identified during the April 25, 26 and 27, 1989 meeting and May 12, 1989 conference call. These additional items include items such as additional rack hydrodynamic mass assessments, stress margins for cell welds, and hydrodynamic mass effects on exterior cell walls. This information is being assembled and is planned to be provided to the NRC staff during the upcoming June 13 and 14, 1989 meetings in Southern California. These results are expected to be within allowables which should be acceptable to the NRC.

Based on this preliminary assessment, SCE plans by approximately June 6, 1989, to release Westinghouse to manufacture the new high density fuel storage racks. This will support rack delivery beginning in December 1989 and installation during the upcoming Cycle 5 Unit 2 operation.

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Your cooperation and continued efforts in reviewing our reracking license amendment request to support issuance of the formal amendments by September 10, 1989 are appreciated. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. R. Huey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

cc: J. B. Martin, Regional Administrator, NRC Region V
F. R. Huey, NRC Senior Resident Inspector, San Onofre Units 1, 2 and 3