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SUBJECT: Advises that util will provide addl funds to EPRI safety & relief valve test program to address failure of Dresser 31709 NA valves to meet screening criteria for compliance w/NUREG-0737 Item II.D.1.

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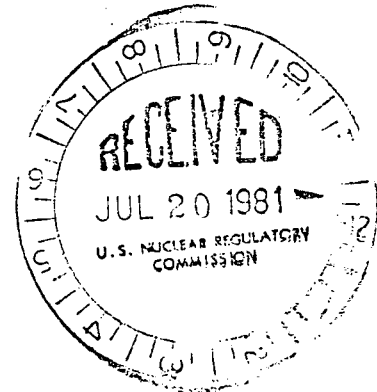
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362
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SCE's response to NUREG-0737 Item II.D.1, Performance Testing of Boiling-Water and Pressurized-Water Reactor Relief and Safety Valves, stated that a qualification testing program had been undertaken on an industry-wide generic basis through the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). The response also indicated that the results would be provided in the final EPRI report.

SCE recently received a copy of an Interim EPRI Data Report which was transmitted to Mr. H. R. Denton from Mr. R. C. Youngdahl, Chairman, EPRI Research Advisory Committee by letter dated July 1, 1981. The report indicates that the Dresser 31709 NA Safety Valves failed to meet the EPRI screening criteria. San Onofre Units 2&3 are equipped with Dresser 31709 NA Safety Valves. Because these valves failed to pass the EPRI screening criteria, SCE and other utilities are providing additional funding to the EPRI Safety and Relief Valve Test Program for expansion of the present test matrix to establish the cause and extent of the failure and to determine potential solutions to safety valve operability problems. Additionally, SCE is pursuing possible solutions with Combustion Engineering, the NSSS vendor, and Bechtel Corporation, the Architect Engineer. SCE will advise the NRC of future developments as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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