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Subject: Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
Units 2 and 3

References: A. SCE (M. O. Medford) to NRC (G. W. Knighton) letter dated
September 26, 1984

B. SCE (M. O. Medford) to NRC (G. W. Knighton) letter dated
April 19, 1985

The purpose of this letter is to provide the NRC with the current status of SCE's Reactor Vessel Level Monitoring System (RVLMS) installation and operation at San Onofre Units 2 and 3.

Reference A stated that the Heated Junction Thermocouple (HJTC) system that would satisfy the requirements for an RVLMS would be installed at Unit 2 prior to startup following the first Unit 2 refueling outage. The RVLMS for Unit 3 was installed prior to fuel load (complete) and will be calibrated and operational following the first Unit 3 refueling outage consistent with the Unit 3 License Condition 2.C(17)h.4. Both units will use the upgraded Emergency Operating Instructions (EOI's) for HJTC operation that were based on guidance provided in CEN-152, Rev. 2 following the first Unit 2 refueling outage.

The Unit 2 HJTC system was installed with all associated instrumentation calibrated and operable on February 27, 1985. Also implemented on this date were the upgraded EOI's based on CEN-152, Rev. 2 HJTC guidance. This is consistent with the Unit 2 License Condition 2.C(19)o.5 and the information provided in Reference A. The Unit 2 first refueling outage ended on April 17, 1985.

Reference B provided SCE's proposed HJTC Technical Specification consistent with SCE's commitment to provide the NRC with an HJTC Technical Specification approximately 90 days following resolution of Combustion Engineering Owners Group (CEOG) concerns with the NRC. The CEOG concerns were resolved with the NRC by letter from R. W. Wells to H. L. Thompson dated February 19, 1985.

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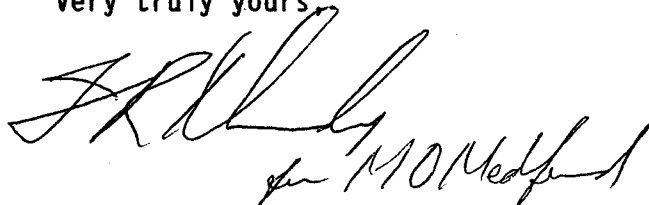
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SCE considers all outstanding commitments related to the HJTC system installation at San Onofre Units 2 and 3 complete and that no further actions will be needed to meet NRC requirements following the change to operational status of the Unit 3 HJTC system prior to startup following the first Unit 3 refueling outage.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. R. Huey", with a stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

cc: Harry Rood, NRC (to be opened by addressee only)
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