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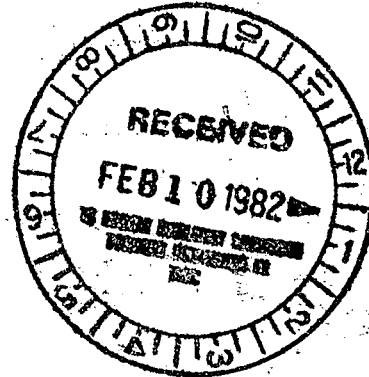
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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Mr. Denton:

Subject: Docket No. 50-361  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station  
Unit 2

Based upon my continuing reviews of the status of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2 (SONGS 2), I have determined that the unit is ready to enter the fuel loading and low power testing phase of the start-up program, and that issuance of a low power license is not only appropriate, but necessary at this time to proceed in a timely manner. I have determined that the independent seismic verification program is progressing well and, as indicated in the interim report furnished to the NRC on January 25, 1982 there have been no major adverse findings. The results of the independent seismic design verification program to date provide substantial increased assurance of the validity of the project's quality assurance and seismic design.

Based on the fact we now have 14 licensed senior reactor operators, 14 licensed reactor operators and over 700 personnel assigned to the station staff, I consider that staffing is more than adequate to safely operate the plant. Further, the Operations Quality Assurance Program and overall station Administrative Procedures are in place and my staff is prepared to comply with all Technical Specification Administrative Controls and other requirements.

I have reviewed the emergency preparedness of the site and find that facilities and procedures are in place and qualified personnel, knowledgeable of their responsibilities, are ready to respond to any emergency at the station.

I have discussed the operational readiness of the station with all managers having responsibilities for operation or support of SONGS 2 and have advised Southern California Edison senior management of the unit's status in

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this regard. I conclude, and Southern California Edison senior management agree, that plant design and construction are in accordance with the application and hereby request that a license to load fuel and commence initial facility testing up to 5% of rated thermal power be granted for San Onofre Unit 2.

If there are any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

*Robert Dietrich*