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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

Subject: **Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362**
Amendment Application Nos. 161 and 145
Appendix J, Primary Reactor Containment Leakage Testing
for Water-Cooled Power Reactors, Option B
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
Units 2 and 3

Enclosed are Amendment Application Numbers 161 and 145 to Facility Operating Licenses NPF-10 and NPF-15 for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Units 2 and 3, respectively. These amendment applications consist of Proposed Technical Specification Change Number NPF-10/15-468 (PCN-468). PCN-468, which requests changes to Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.6.1.1, SR 3.6.2.1, and SR 3.6.3.6, is provided as Enclosure 1 to this letter. The affected Bases sections are provided for information only.

The proposed change is to allow implementation of the recently approved Option B to 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J. This new rule allows for a performance-based option for determining the test frequency for containment leakage rate testing. This amendment request will change the SONGS Units 2 and 3 Technical Specifications (TSs) by replacing the references to "Appendix J, as modified by approved exemptions" with "Appendix J, Option B, as modified by approved exemptions and Regulatory Guide 1.163, dated September, 1995."

This change is requested to Unit 2 Amendment No. 127 and Unit 3 Amendment No. 116 approved TSs. To implement the new program by the SONGS Unit 2 Cycle 9 refueling outage, Edison requests this amendment be issued effective October 1, 1996 and be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

This amendment request is expected to result in a total present worth savings in excess of \$100,000 for the two units over the lifetime of the plant. Because of this savings, this submittal is being submitted as a Cost Beneficial Licensing Action (CBLA).

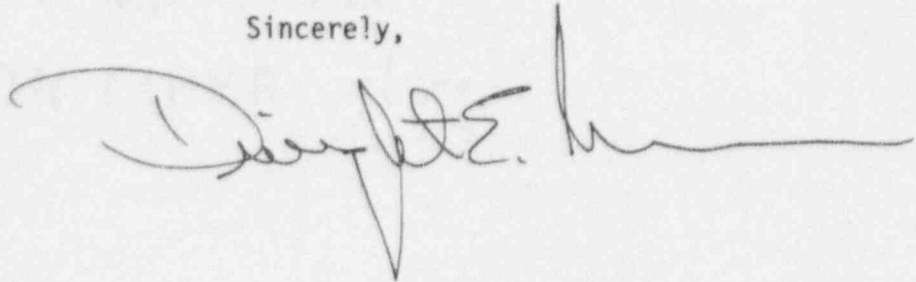
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If you would like additional information on this Technical Specification change request, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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