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Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NO. 68 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-54,
MODIFICATIONS TO ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 68 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-54 for Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station. This amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your application dated February 17, 1983, as supplemented and revised by your letters of July 12, 1983, and January 8, February 7, and March 18, 1985. These changes were required because of modifications made to the facility electrical distribution system that are described and evaluated in your letters of November 15, 1984, and March 21, April 12, April 16, May 14 and May 16, 1985. In addition in your May 16, 1985, letter, you committed to provide by August 1, 1985, new proposed fire protection specifications. These new Technical Specifications will be submitted as a separate application for license amendment. In your May 16 letter, you also committed to operate in a manner equivalent to that which would be required if these items were included in the Technical Specifications. These commitments are acceptable.

The amendment revises the Technical Specifications defining the operability and surveillance requirements for plant essential electrical systems, the operability requirements for components of the fire protection system and adds surveillance requirements for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems for the Nuclear Service Electrical Building (NSEB).

We have denied your proposed Technical Specification 3.27 which establishes operability requirements for the essential HVAC system for the NSEB because the proposed operability requirements for the essential HVAC system are less stringent than the operability requirements for the system it serves (Class IE power system). It is our position that a system is only operable if all the auxiliaries necessary for its operation are operable. Therefore, we have concluded that the operability requirements for the essential HVAC for the NSEB are implicit in section 3.7.2 which defines operability requirements for the Class IE power system. In addition, we have denied your proposed change to Technical Specification 6.9.5. The proposed change, a list of references for item E of 6.9.5, is incomplete, and we expect that this incomplete list could create ambiguities regarding which specifications require special reports.

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A copy of the Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's Biweekly Notice. Also, a separate Notice of Denial is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 68 to DPR-54
2. Safety Evaluation
3. Notice of Denial

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