

February 7, 1997

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

Gentlemen:

Subject: **Docket No. 50-362**
Proposed Technical Specification Change Number 479
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
Unit 3

References: (1) Letter, R.W. Krieger to William H. Bateman, Subject:
"Request for Enforcement Discretion, CEA Reed Switch
Position Transmitter Surveillance Testing, San Onofre
Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 3, dated February 6, 1997

Enclosed is Amendment Application Number 151 to Facility Operating License
NPF-15, for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Unit 3. The
Amendment Application consists of Proposed Technical Specification Change
Number 479 (PCN-479). This is a request for an exigent Technical
Specification change as a followup to the Request for Enforcement Discretion,
Reference 1, above.

The proposed change is requested to defer implementation of Surveillance
Requirement (SR) 3.1.5.4 of Technical Specification (TS) 3.1.5, "CEA
Alignment" until the next Unit 3 refueling outage. The need for this request
results from an error in implementation of this SR. The SR was believed to be
satisfied by a surveillance which simulated an input for each Reed Switch
Position Transmitter (RSPT) into each Control Element Assembly Calculator
(CEAC) and verified the correct response of the CEAC.

This change is not being requested for Unit 2 since that Unit is currently
shutdown for a refueling outage. The RSPTs will be tested in accordance with
SR 3.1.5.4 prior to return to Mode 2.

The Southern California Edison Company requests this amendment be issued as an
exigent TS change, effective as of its date of issuance. The exigent

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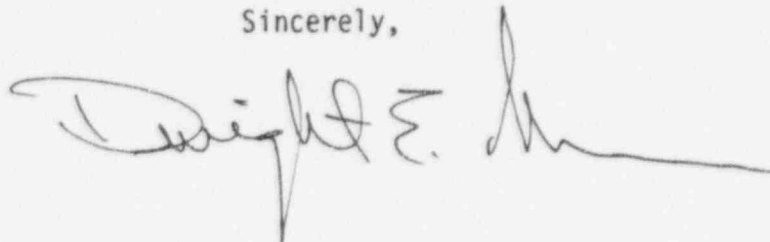
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circumstances for this TS amendment request exist due to the fact that it would avoid an undesirable transient associated with an unnecessary plant shutdown and thus minimize potential safety consequences and operational risks associated with such action. In the event of a planned or unplanned shutdown of Unit 3, prior to the Cycle 9 refueling outage, testing in accordance with SR 3.1.5.4 will be performed prior to return to Mode 2.

If you would like additional information regarding this Amendment Application, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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