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March 12, 2003

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Re: Compliance with Condition B of the SONGS Permit No. 6-81-330-A: SCE's 2001 Annual Marine Environmental Analysis Report

Dear David:

On October 12, 2000, the California Coastal Commission concurred with the Executive Director's determination regarding the fish behavioral barriers required by Condition B of the coastal development permit for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3 (No. 6-81-330-A, formerly 183-73). (See staff report entitled *Executive Director's Determination that Fish Behavioral Barriers Tested at SONGS are Ineffective*, dated September 22, 2000.) As part of that permit compliance action, the Executive Director specified continuing monitoring requirements, which included submission of a written report of the Fish Chase procedure used at the plant.

As required, on July 30, 2002, SCE submitted the 2001 Annual Marine Environmental Analysis Report for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. Chapter 4 of the report contains an assessment of in-plant fish, which includes data and analysis of the Fish Chase procedure.

The results of Chapter 4 indicate that the operation of the Fish Chase procedure during 2001 was consistent with the requirements enumerated in the Executive Director's determination. Specifically we note the following:

- (1) The impingement for the year was about 17,370 kg, less than the long-term average of about 22,719 kg but within the normal range.
- (2) The Fish Chase procedure resulted in 3,846 kg of fish returned live to the ocean.
- (3) For the year 2001 the Fish Chase effectiveness relative to impingement was 22% (3,846/17,370), a value greater than the 10% mark that is the target.
- (4) There was a clear discussion concerning methods, results and interpretation of results. No unusual events occurred in 2001.

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Thank you for your continuing cooperation with the Commission staff in addressing the Commission's behavioral barriers permit condition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan M. Hansch", written over a vertical line that extends from the signature down to the typed name below.

Susan M. Hansch
Chief Deputy Director

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