

April 20, 2000

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SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 - RE:
STEAM GENERATOR SLEEVING (TAC NOS. MA4487 AND MA4488)

Dear Mr. Ray:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge your April 5, 2000, letter which requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff suspend its review of your proposed license amendments (submittal dated December 22, 1998, PCN-489) relating to the installation of Westinghouse laser-welded sleeves as a tube repair method at San Onofre Generating Station (SONGS), Units 2 and 3.

The NRC staff is discussing this issue with the Westinghouse and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation regarding implementation of this tube repair methodology at Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant. The technical discussion that the staff is engaged in with the Westinghouse and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation also applies to your proposed amendments for SONGS. Pending resolution of this issue with the Westinghouse and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, you do not plan to implement the proposed tube repair method during the current cycle. As a result, you have requested the NRC staff suspend its review of your license amendment request. In accordance with your request, we have discontinued our review of your amendment application. The technical assignment control (TAC) numbers MA4487 and MA4488 under which our review was being performed are, therefore, closed. You have indicated that at a future date, you may request that the NRC staff resume its review. At that time, we will perform our review under new TAC numbers.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please write or call me at 301-415-1471.

Sincerely,

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