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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's )  
own motion to determine whether )  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating )  
Station Unit 1 should be ordered )  
removed from the rate base of )  
Southern California Edison )  
Company and San Diego Gas and )  
Electric Company. )

OII 83-10-02

ORDER AMENDING OII

San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1 (SONGS 1) has been out of service since February 27, 1982. The plant was initially taken out of service for limited plant modifications related to fire protection, TMI, and the NRC's ongoing reevaluation of the plant's seismic capability under the Systematic Evaluation Program. For a variety of reasons, apparently including NRC concern regarding the seismic capability of the plant's original construction, disagreement regarding the methodology and criteria to use in defining seismic backfit work, and concern on the part of Edison with respect to the potential cost of future plant modifications which may be required by the NRC, the plant has never been returned to service.

In hearings on Edison's 1982 ECAC reasonableness review, Application 83-03-036, Toward Utility Rate Normalization (TURN) questioned the duration of the plant outage and the reasonableness of replacement fuel costs associated with the outage. The Commission staff was unable to evaluate the outage within the time frame of Application 83-03-036 and recommended that issues

regarding the reasonableness of replacement fuel costs associated with the outage be reserved for further consideration in this OII or in unspecified proceedings consolidated with the OII. Although Edison initially opposed staff's recommendation, on January 27, 1984 Edison filed a motion in this proceeding, and a "Supplemental Response" to staff in Application 83-03-036, in which the company requests that the OII be expanded to include consideration of the outage at SONGS 1.

We are persuaded that this investigation should be expanded to include consideration of the reasonableness of replacement fuel costs associated with the outage at SONGS 1. Although TURN did raise questions regarding the outage in Application 83-03-036, neither our staff nor the company had time to respond fully in the context of that proceeding. Moreover, the outage has continued uninterrupted since February 27, 1982 and thus spans three different ECAC reasonableness review periods for both Edison and San Diego Gas and Electric Company. In the interest of administrative efficiency the motions of Edison and staff should be granted. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that OII 83-10-02 is hereby amended to include consideration of the reasonableness of replacement fuel costs associated with the plant outage at SONGS 1 which commenced February 27, 1982.

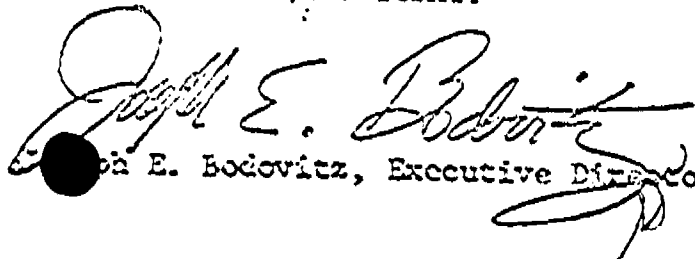
This order is effective today.

Dated March 7, 1984, as San Francisco,  
California.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION  
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE  
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.

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