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NRC AND SO. CALIFORNIA EDISON TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR SAN ONOFRE 2 IN ROCKVILLE, MD, ON APRIL 3

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Southern California Edison in Rockville, Md., on April 3 to discuss the utility's plan to submit a license amendment request for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2.

The meeting will run from 1-3 p.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room on the first floor of the NRC's One White Flint building at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. Agency staff and utility representatives will discuss Edison's plan to submit a license amendment request that would address compliance with the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station's Unit 2 Technical Specifications, as discussed in the staff's request for additional information dated Dec. 26, 2012 (ML12361A065). No license amendment request has yet been filed, and no restart decisions will be made during the meeting.

Each year, the NRC's review process includes numerous public meetings between the staff and licensees on technical matters being reviewed by agency headquarters staff. It's not possible to bring all these meetings to the communities near the plants in question, so the staff will make a <u>webcast</u> and phone line available for this meeting so that people near San Onofre can observe the review process in action and ask the NRC staff questions.

The teleconference number is 888-677-3916 and the passcode is 2670631. Callers will initially be placed in a "listen only" status. At the designated point in the agenda, two-way calling will be enabled, so that the public may ask the NRC staff questions regarding issues from the meeting.

The two San Onofre reactors have been shut down since January 2012, when a leak in a Unit 3 steam generator led to the discovery of unexpected wear in both reactors' steam generators. The NRC issued a Confirmatory Action Letter to Southern California Edison in March 2012, requiring several actions by the utility before the agency would consider allowing the plant to restart.

Note to Editors: To facilitate security screening, media interested in attending the meeting in Rockville can contact the Office of Public Affairs at 301-415-8200.

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