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Energy and Ocean Resources Unit

Staff:

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Staff Report:

March 1, 1996

Hearing Date: Item Number:

March 13, 1996

Commission Action/Vote:

Scientific Advisory Panel Budget Approval SONGS Mitigation Monitoring Program

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommends that the Commission approve additional 1996 budget funds, in the amount of \$86,000, to cover the costs of the Scientific Advisory Panel in support of the Commission's San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) mitigation monitoring program.

II. Motion and Resolution

The action before the Commission to approve additional 1996 SONGS budget funds shall be decided by the following motion:

I hereby move that the Commission approve an additional \$86,000 for the SONGS budget as recommended by the staff.

The staff recommends a "yes" vote on the foregoing motion, which will result in the adoption by the Commission of the following resolution:

The Commission hereby determines that the additional 1996 budget for the Scientific Advisory Panel that is set forth in this staff recommendation, dated March 1, 1996, carries out the intent of Condition II-D of Permit 6-81-330 (formerly 183-73) requiring the permittee to provide reasonable and necessary funding to the Commission and the Executive Director to perform their responsibilities pursuant to the mitigation and lost resource compensation conditions (II-A through C).

III. Background and Justification for Funding

In September 1995, Southern California Edison¹ sought to amend the permit (6-81-330) for the SONGS Units 2 and 3. The staff reviewed the amendment request and determined that the proposed amendments did not meet the criteria for acceptance contained in the Commission's regulations. On October 12, 1995, the executive director of the Commission informed Edison that he was rejecting the amendments

¹ Southern California Edison is the majority owner of SONGS. San Diego Gas and Electric, the City of Anaheim and the City of Riverside are part-owners. Edison is the operating agent for the other three owners.