NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323; NRC-2021-0078]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Exemption; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a one-time exemption in response to a February 4, 2021, request from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the licensee) for an exemption from the operator requalification program requirements at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Diablo Canyon), to minimize potential operator distractions during plant startup. The exemption affords a one-month extension of the 2-year program requalification and 1-year operator exam requirements, until June 30, 2021. The NRC staff made the required findings that the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property, and is otherwise in the public interest.

DATES: The exemption was issued on April 1, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2021-0078 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to https://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC-2021-0078. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; e-mail: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC approved the one-time exemption from certain requirements of Part 55 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), “Operators’ Licenses,” for Diablo Canyon. This action was in response to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (the licensee’s) application dated February 4, 2021, which requested a one-time exemption for Diablo Canyon from the requirements of 10 CFR 55.59, “Requalification,” program to minimize potential operator distractions during plant startup. The exemption affords a one-month extension of the 2-year program requalification and 1-year operator exam requirements, until June 30, 2021. The NRC staff made the findings required in 10 CFR 55.11, “Specific exemptions,” that the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property, and is otherwise in the public interest.

II. Availability of Documents

The table in this notice provides the facility name, docket number, document description, and ADAMS accession number for the exemption issued. Additional details
on the exemption issued, including the exemption request submitted by the licensee and
the NRC’s decision, are provided in the exemption approval listed in the table in this
notice. For additional directions on accessing information in ADAMS, see the
ADDRESSES section of this document.

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