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San Onofre Nuclear Generating
Station Units 2 and 3

Gentlemen:

I was a member of the 1979-80
Orange County Grand jury and
after months of careful investiga-
tion we recommended that the
Orange County Board of Supervisors
support the licensing of the San
Onofre Units 2 and 3.

The enclosed is an excerpt
of our findings and recommen-
dations taken from our final Grand
jury report 1979-80.

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I urge you to implement
our recommendations as
soon as possible before
we suffer a real shortage

Sincerely,
Leonora Dammond

FINDINGS

In the interim report, the Jury brought forth the fact that environmental constraints virtually prohibit the building of any new power generation facilities in Orange County or Southern California. Air quality standards make it almost impossible to build a coal burning plant or one that could burn the local high sulphur content oil. The Federal Energy Act eliminates the use of natural gas as a fuel for electrical power generation after 1990 and limits the use of imported oil in new facilities.

Public concern about nuclear radiation exposure, including the untested effects of low level radiation, storage of nuclear waste, and the fear of a possible accident decreases the probability of further construction of nuclear power plants. These same concerns could prevent those plants already constructed or under construction at the cost of millions of dollars from even going on line.

Just south of Orange County, in San Diego County, San Onofre Nuclear Plants two and three are nearing completion. These two generation plants have been under construction for several years and can furnish needed electrical power to Orange County.

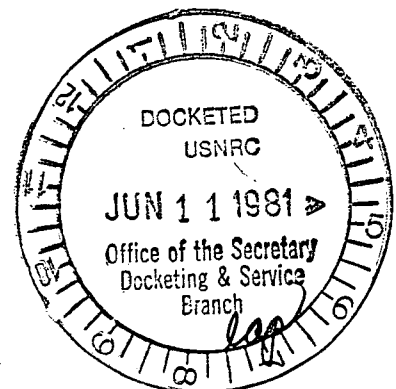
The Southern California Edison Company, the major supplier of electric power to the County, is proposing to build a transmission line which will bring electrical power from the Pacific South West (Arizona and New Mexico) to San Bernardino and Riverside Counties as well as Orange County. Additionally, new sources of power to the southern part of Orange County will become a reality if the transmission project that is proposed by the San Diego Gas and Electric utility is approved.

The decision as to whether the two new San Onofre generators will be licensed and allowed to operate must be addressed now. The proposed tie lines which will bring additional electrical energy supply to the county will also be a forthcoming consideration. The seven plus years needed for construction of any other type of generating facility leaves Orange County in an untenable position.

RECOMMENDATION

THE GRAND JURY RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

4. SUPPORT THE LICENSING OF SAN ONOFRE TWO AND THREE
5. STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL OF THE NEW TIE LINES WHICH WILL BRING ELECTRICAL ENERGY TO THE COUNTY FROM THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST AND THE SAN DIEGO AREA.



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