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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear NRC Commissioner,

I am writing to encourage you to move ahead with licensing the Diablo Canyon PP for three important reasons:

1) The Diablo Canyon PP has continued to safely produce clean and reliable energy for 30 years. Tax revenues generated over the years from the power plant have helped build and support SLO County's economic and operational infrastructure. If the power plant were to be shut down, that infrastructure would crumble and place a tremendous financial burden on the county and its citizens.

2) I began my career working for Jacques Cousteau and have worked in the nonprofit sector for 40 years. It has been my experience that companies with large employee bases such as PG&E play an essential role in helping community nonprofits to achieve their mission by providing both financial and employee volunteer support. If the licensing application were denied, the economic repercussions on the nonprofits in San Luis Obispo County and the state would be devastating. Such an action would have tremendous consequences for the county's social services programs and for the nonprofit organizations that strive to improve the quality of life that we enjoy on the Central Coast.

In addition, PG&E has demonstrated a strong and steadfast commitment to the environment. One example is on Earth Day when they make significant contributions to the California State Parks and send hundreds of employee volunteers throughout the state to help on numerous conservation and beautification projects.

In regards to their involvement with Nature Corps, every year PG&E recruits scores of employee volunteers to support our conservation efforts. With their financial and employee support we have:

- ❖ Restored 3 miles of coastal dunes that serves as the nesting habitat of the threatened Snowy Plover.
- ❖ Rebuilt a plant nursery in Morro Bay State Park that is essential to revegetation projects throughout the state park.
- ❖ Sponsored our Science in Action program that made it possible for over 700 elementary school students to take part in a number of service learning projects to restore the dunes.
- ❖ Mobilized groups of volunteers to help reestablish a key meadow in Sequoia National Park. Meadows represent only 2% of the Sierra Nevada landmass but they support 75% of the wildlife. This was the first restoration project of its kind and would not have been possible without PG&E's support.
- ❖ From 2001 to 2007 PG&E employees helped plant 20,000 trees throughout Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Three thousand of those trees were planted in memory of the victims of September 11. As a result of their support, the project received a **Congressional "Take Pride" award.**

3) Lastly, I feel strongly that the expanded use of nuclear power could tip the scale away from global reliance on oil. This in turn would dry up revenue streams that support defiant nations such as Iran, who engages in state sponsored terrorism and supports insidious terrorist organizations such as ISIS.

Based on the findings of the Safety Evaluation Report, I encourage the NRC to move forward with the relicensing of the Diablo Power Plants, both units 1 and 2. Thank you for taking the time to review my comments.

Sincerely,

Mark Landon
Executive Director