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Hon. Nunzio Palladino, Chairman
and Commissioners
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Palladino and Members of the Commission:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Diablo Canyon Nuclear
Project, Units 1 and 2); Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Docket Nos. 50-275 O.L. and 50-323 O.L.

We understand that the commission briefing and taking of public
comments on Diablo Canyon low-power operation, previously
scheduled for January 17, has now been postponed. However, we
understand the commission may take up the request by Pacific Gas
and Electric Company (PG&E) for permission to operate at modes 3
and 4 (i.e., non-criticality hot testing).

Governor George Deukmejian supports the request of PG&E for
authority to operate at modes 3 and 4. As we have previously
indicated, no safety hazards are presented by such pre-criticality
operation, and such testing can provide valuable information about
the operation of the plant.

Very truly yours,

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