

Mr. Paul C. Bender
Secretary
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C. 20545

In the Matter of Pacific Gas and Electric Company
(Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units Nos. 1 & 2)
Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323

Dear Mr. Bender:

By a petition dated December 3, 1973, Scenic Shoreline Preservation Conference, Inc., requested, "pursuant to the plenary powers of the Commission", suspension of the construction of Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 on the basis of new geological evidence as reported in certain newspaper articles, and also requested a reopening of hearings on the construction permits.

The staff is preparing to respond to this petition and will file such response by January 14, 1974.

We expect to receive further information from the United States Geological Survey early in January 1974, concerning geological characteristics in this area. This information will enable the staff to provide the necessary background concerning the "new evidence" which petitioner alleges to warrant suspension of construction permits, and to fully respond to the petition.

Sincerely,

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