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*To: LEEDS, NRR*

AUTHOR: Adam Hill  
AFFILIATION: CA  
ADDRESSEE: Gregory Jaczko

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SUBJECT: Relicensing application for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant

ACTION: Appropriate  
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March 9, 2010

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Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman  
c/o Annette I. Vietti-Cook, Secretary of the Commission  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop O-16G4  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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Sincerely,

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Adam Hill,  
Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors

cc: Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee  
State Senator Abel Maldonado  
U.S. Congresswoman Lois Capps

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COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

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**ABSENT:** None

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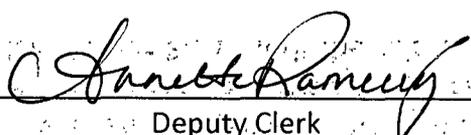
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I, **JULIE L. RODEWALD**, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the said Board of Supervisors, affixed this 22nd day of March, 2010.

(SEAL)

**JULIE L. RODEWALD**  
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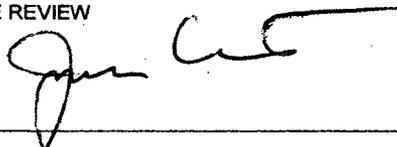
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**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Board of Supervisors	(2) MEETING DATE March 9, 2010	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Adam Hill 805/781-5450	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a letter delaying the relicensing application for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant until the seismic studies have been completed.			
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST Supervisor Adam Hill is requesting support for the above-entitled letter being sent to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.			
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached letter concerning Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant and authorize Chairperson Frank Mecham to sign.			
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(8) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) ANNUAL COST N/A	(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
(11) OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT (LIST): N/A			
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____			
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All	(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)	(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 3 Copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Email Resolution and Ordinance to CR_Board_Clerk (in Word)		
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____	(21) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	(22) Agenda Item History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date _____	
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW 			

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