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March 19, 1981



Mr. Dino C. Scaletti  
San Onofre Project Manager  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Scaletti:

On March 16, 1981, the Board of Directors of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) adopted a resolution supporting the operation of San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant Units 2 and 3 and requested the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to grant an operating license for these units subject to federal regulations regarding the safety of nuclear power plant operations and emergency planning for nuclear power plant accidents. This resolution and the supporting staff report are attached.

Please call me or have your staff call Steve Sachs of my staff if you have any questions about the Board of Directors action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Huff".

*for* RICHARD J. HUFF  
Executive Director

RJH/SS/sc

Attachments

cc: Patricia Fleming, SDG&E  
Fred Massey, SCE

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OPERATION  
OF SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT  
UNITS 2 AND 3  
SUBJECT TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING THE  
SAFETY OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT OPERATIONS AND  
EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR NUCLEAR PLANT ACCIDENTS

WHEREAS, the Energy 2000 Task Force, appointed by Mayor Wilson of the City of San Diego, presented the conclusions and recommendations of its report to the SANDAG Board of Directors on February 23, 1981; and

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations of the Energy 2000 Task Force is to support the completion and operation of San Onofre Plants 2 and 3; and

WHEREAS, San Onofre Units 2 and 3, if completed and operated on schedule, will supply approximately half of the additional electricity needs forecast for the San Diego region between now and 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will begin licensing hearings for San Onofre Units 2 and 3 in June 1981; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations concerning nuclear power plant safety and emergency response planning will have to be met in order for a license to be granted; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors supports the operation of San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant Units 2 and 3 and requests the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to grant an operating license for these units subject to federal regulations regarding the safety of nuclear power plant operations and emergency planning for nuclear plant accidents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March 1981.

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY

  
CHAIRMAN

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 81-36

DATE CONSIDERED: 3/16/81

AGENCY	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
CARLSBAD	X			
CHULA VISTA	X			
CORONADO	X			
DEL MAR		X		
EL CAJON	X			
IMPERIAL BEACH	X			
LA MESA	X			
LEMON GROVE	X			
NATIONAL CITY	X			
OCEANSIDE	X			
SAN DIEGO	X			
SAN MARCOS	X			
SANTEE	X			
VISTA	X			
TOTALS	13	1		

I certify from personal observation and count that the above results are an accurate record of the SANDAG Board of Directors vote and action.

Bettie Black

San Diego Association of Governments  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: March 16, 1981

AGENDA REPORT No.:

**R-95**

CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORT FOR OPERATION OF  
SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT UNITS 2 AND 3

Introduction

The Board requested this report as the basis for considering a resolution to support the operation of San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant Units 2 and 3. Three important points the Board should consider before taking a position are:

- The risks to health and life of both present and future generations and the costs of reducing these risks associated with almost all aspects of the nuclear fuel cycle, are extremely controversial. There is little scientific or technical consensus on the severity of the risks and the effectiveness or cost of strategies to reduce these risks.
- San Onofre Units 2 and 3 would provide 440 MW of electric power to the San Diego region - almost one-half of the additional power requirements forecast to be needed between now and 1995 for the SDG&E Service Area by SDG&E and the California Energy Commission. These forecasts include the effects of existing conservation and alternative energy source programs which will reduce electricity demand. Potential additional electricity supplies and conservation and alternative energy sources which could result in a balance between demand and supply over the next 10 to 20 years without San Onofre Units 2 and 3 have been identified (see attachment for a partial list) but are not yet committed. In some cases, these sources may be infeasible or unavailable.
- The construction of San Onofre Units 2 and 3 is nearing completion. About one-half of the total \$3.4 billion projected construction cost has been expended. The plant is currently undergoing U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission review in order to obtain an operating license.

It is my

RECOMMENDATION

that the Board of Directors support the operation of San Onofre Nuclear Power Plants 2 and 3 and request the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to grant an operating license for these units subject to federal regulations regarding the safety of nuclear power plant operations and emergency planning for nuclear plant accidents.

## Discussion

San Onofre Units 2 and 3 are scheduled to have a total capacity of 2,200 megawatts (MW) of electricity. SDG&E is a 20% partner in the plant and is therefore entitled to 440 MW of the electricity generated. The other 1,760 MW is scheduled to be used by Southern California Edison Company (76%) and Municipal Utilities serving the Cities of Anaheim and Riverside (total of 4%).

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is the federal agency responsible for issuing nuclear power plant operating licenses. The NRC will hold hearings on the license applications for San Onofre Units 2 and 3 starting in June 1981.

There are many environmental and economic issues related to the operation of San Onofre Units 2 and 3 which include:

- Cost and reliability of nuclear power
- Risk of accidents from transport of uranium, spent nuclear fuel and operation of the plants.
- Cost of decommissioning the plants.
- Ability of the plants to withstand earthquakes.
- Hazards, cost and technical feasibility of long-term storage of radioactive wastes.
- Scope and adequacy of emergency plans to reduce radiation exposure in the event of an accident.

At the licensing hearings in June, it appears that the most controversial issues will be the ability of the plants to withstand earthquakes and the adequacy of emergency planning in case of an accident that could impact surrounding areas. The Plant must meet federal standards in both of these areas before a license will be issued.



RICHARD J. HUFF  
Executive Director



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ATTACHMENT  
(From Energy 2000 Task Force Report)

Potential Supply Alternatives  
For the SDG&E Service Area\*  
1980-2000

San Onofre 2 and 3	440 MW (nuclear)
Arizona (renewed contract)	400 MW (imported)
New Mexico (renewed contract)	150 MW (imported)
Washington (renewed contract)	100 MW (imported)
Mexico (purchase)	300 MW (imported)
Geothermal	800 MW (geothermal)
Blythe site	1,000 MW (coal gasification)
Hydroelectric	34 MW (hydroelectric)
Cogeneration	100 MW (cogeneration)
Wind	30 MW (wind)
TOTAL	<u>3,354 MW</u>

SOURCE:

San Diego Gas and Electric Company, September 1979

\*Some of these sources may be infeasible or unavailable. For example, Arizona Public Service Company would have to agree to a renewed contract for 400 MW of imported power from Arizona; the feasibility of 1000 megawatts from a coal gasification plant at Blythe has not been proved.