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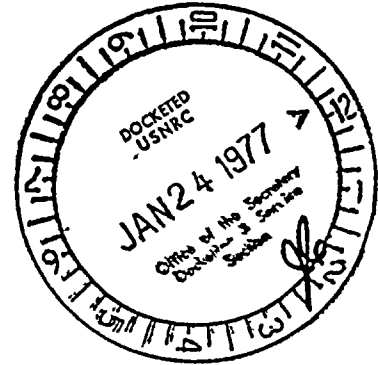
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January 12, 1977

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Mrs. Elizabeth Bowers, Chairman  
Atomic Safety and Licensing  
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mrs. Bowers:

It would be greatly appreciated if you could let me know the current status of the licensing of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant being constructed in San Luis Obispo County by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. This facility when completed will provide much needed electrical energy to an important part of California and I would urge that all possible efforts be undertaken to bring it on stream at the earliest possible date.

Any information you could provide concerning my questions will be appreciated as will all efforts to expedite the licensing of the Diablo Canyon plant.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. KETCHUM  
Member of Congress

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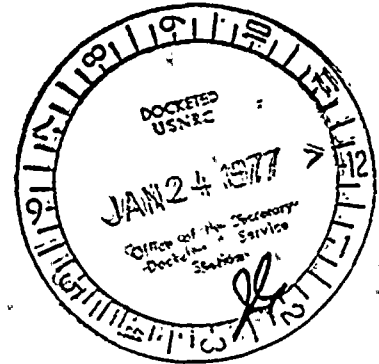


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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PANEL  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

January 21, 1977



Honorable William M. Ketchum  
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Ketchum:

Your letter of January 12, 1977, which I received on January 21, 1977, requested a status report on the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

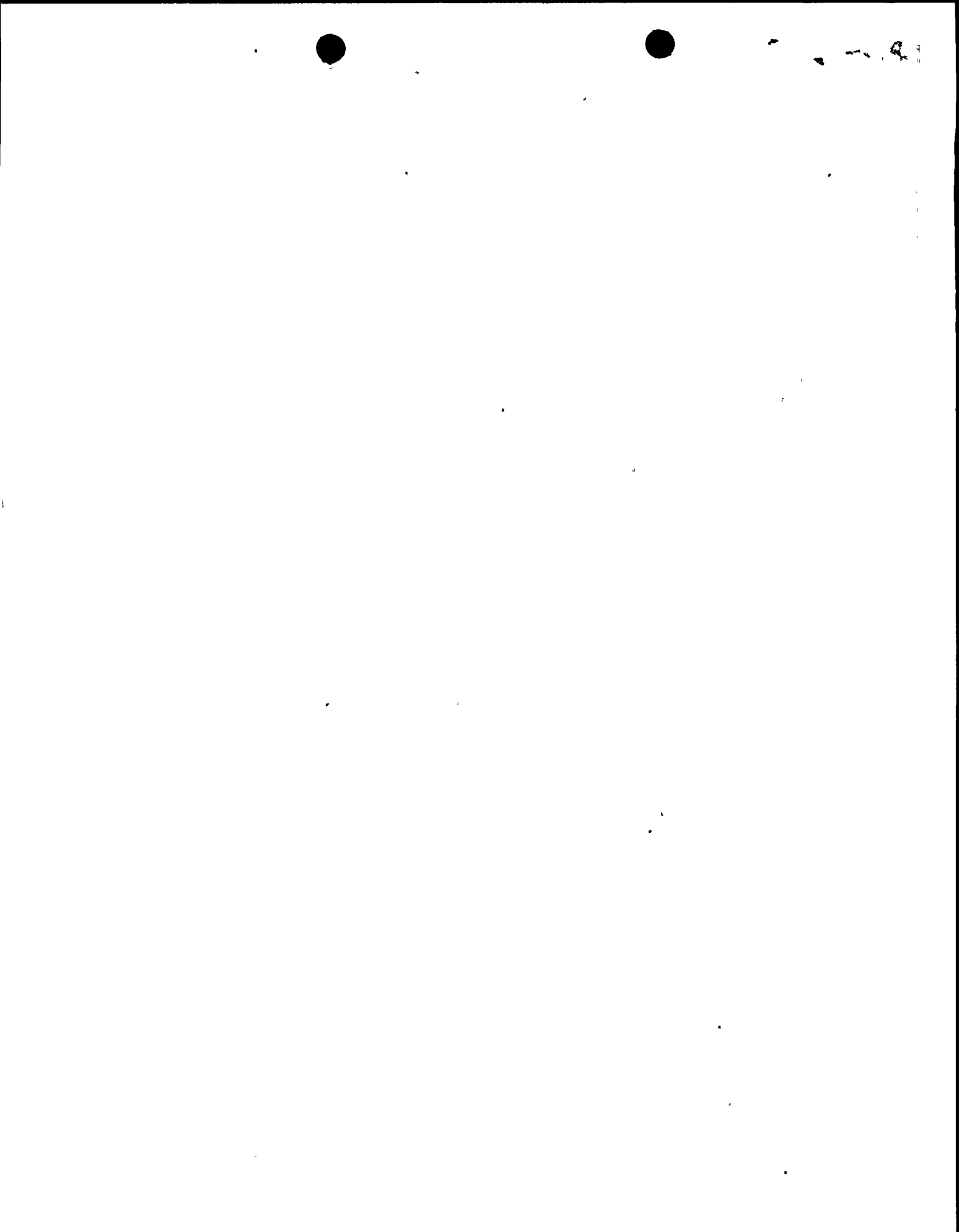
In December 1976, the Licensing Board held two weeks of an evidentiary hearing in San Luis Obispo on environmental contentions not affected by the seismic question. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff, a party in the proceeding, was asked to give a date when the Staff's position on the Diablo Canyon plant's seismic design would be released. We were told no date could be given at that time but we know that the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has another meeting on this question scheduled for March. The NRC Staff will not release its position until it receives the final report from the ACRS. When these documents are released, the Licensing Board will schedule the remainder of the hearing.

Since your letter states a position on the question of an operating license for Diablo Canyon, it is being served on the other Board members and all the parties as a limited appearance statement.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth S. Bowers  
Chairman  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

cc: Congressional Affairs



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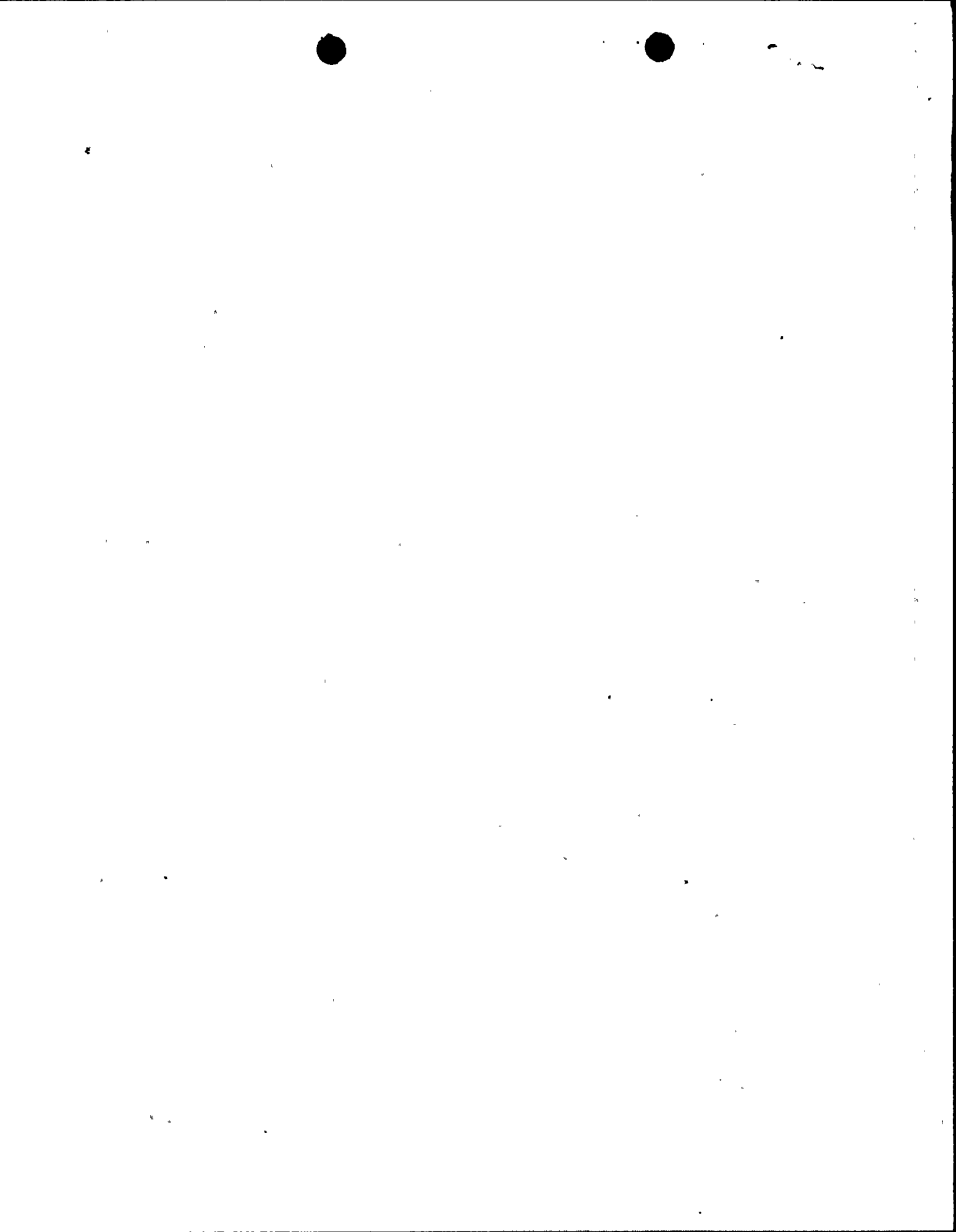
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10 CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Washington, D. C. this  
24th day of Jan 1977.

P.A. Swearing  
Office of the Secretary of the Commission



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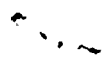
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