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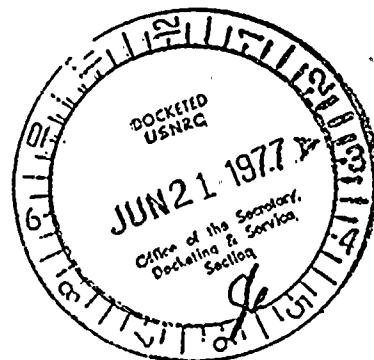
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 14, 1977



Honorable Marcus A. Rowden  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have received the enclosed letter from my friend,  
C. Everette Salyer, President of the Salyer Land Company,  
Corcoran, California.

Although Mr. Salyer is not my constituent, I am  
personally acquainted with him and know him to be an out-  
standing citizen of California and a very successful cotton  
producer. In an attempt to be of assistance to the industry  
in California, he is urging that your agency grant a license  
to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for the operation  
of the Diablo Nuclear Plant. In my judgment, Mr. Salyer  
makes a very good case for this action.

Your favorable and expeditious consideration of this  
request would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

*James O. Eastland*

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# Salyer Land Company

May 16, 1977



Senator James O. Eastland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Jim:

We would like to bring to your attention a situation which we believe is adversely affecting the economy and the security of our Country. What is even more significant is that it can be remedied by the stroke of a pen.

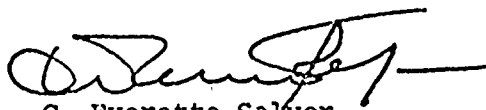
The situation is this: Pacific Gas and Electric Company has completed one unit of a two unit nuclear energy generation plant. It is called the Diablo Nuclear Plant and is located near San Luis Obispo, California. Fuel for the completed unit has been on the site for four to five months. Unfortunately, however, P.G. & E. has not been able to place the fuel in the reactors and begin generating badly needed electricity. The reason is that they are still waiting for a license from the government.

Each unit has a generating capacity of 1,060,000 kilowatts, and each unit would displace approximately 10 to 12 million barrels of oil per year. At a time when President Carter is calling for stringent conservation measures to cut back the consumption of oil, and Mr. Schlesinger, his energy advisor, is saying that nuclear energy is the answer to California's energy problems, P.G. & E. is waiting for a license to do just that.

California is facing an energy crisis this year. We will quite likely experience blackouts this summer that will adversely affect both industry and agriculture as well as disrupt the lives of individual citizens. Because of the lack of water to operate their hydroelectric plants, P.G. & E. will be required to burn 52 million barrels of fuel oil in 1977 if the Diablo unit is not put into service. This compares to 11 million barrels in 1975 and 27 million barrels in 1976.

We urge you to do everything in your power to expedite the granting of a license to P.G. & E. to operate their Diablo Nuclear Plant, even if it involves the issuing of an interim license.

Very truly yours,

  
C. Evorette Salyer  
President

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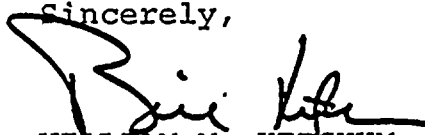
Dear Chairman Rowden:

I have been advised that the Chairwoman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has granted a delay until October 18 of the hearing on the general license for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. The reason for the delay is apparently because many of those opposed to the license are either college professors or students and a hearing during their normal vacation time would be inconvenient.

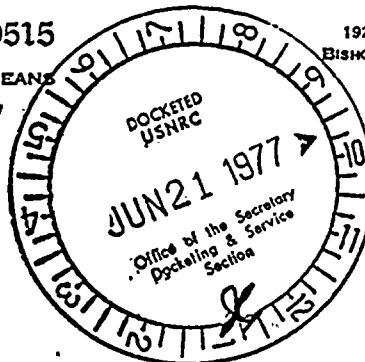
This is the most asinine situation I can imagine in view of the severe energy shortages facing the State of California. There are going to be thousands and thousands of individuals extremely inconvenienced because of brown outs as well as critical shortages in agriculture. I think that the College professors and students would do well to sacrifice part of their vacation time to participate and express their views.

I implore you to cancel the delay and begin immediately the hearings on this power plant. I look forward to your immediate and favorable reply.

Sincerely,

  
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Member of Congress

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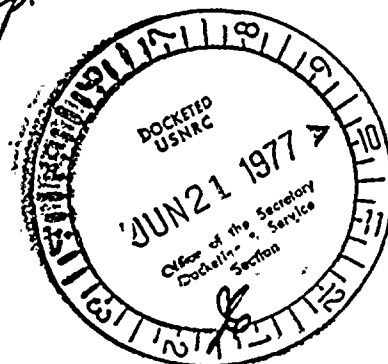
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The President  
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Mr. President:

As I am sure you are well aware from your recent tour of farming areas in the San Joaquin Valley, a portion of which I represent, a disaster of unprecedented magnitude is facing agriculture and the total economy of this region this summer. Due to a lack of rainfall, there will be insufficient water for agriculture. There will also be insufficient electrical power for the increased pumping that will be required due to this lack of rain.

There presently sits at Diablo Canyon a short distance from the San Joaquin Valley, a completed nuclear power plant. This plant could provide a considerable amount of electrical energy this summer to alleviate the drought. However, it will not be used. Its energy -- which could potentially save millions of dollars and the fortunes of thousands of valley farmers and businessmen, to say nothing of the jobs that could be provided to those who need work and income -- will not be realized. Why? The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, charged with the task of determining the safety of this important facility, has decided to postpone further hearings on the operating license of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant until October 18, 1977. The hearings could be held sooner than that; but the interveners, many of whom are from academia, don't want their summer vacations interrupted.

Mr. President, this is the kind of elitism that is destroying this country. The jobs and the fortunes of a lot of average American citizens who happen to live in the San Joaquin Valley are going to go down the tube because a bunch of intellectual elitists don't want their three-month vacation interrupted.

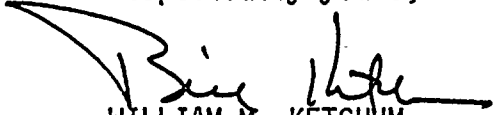


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Now it is entirely possible that if the hearings were held sooner the plant would not be licensed. I realize that these same elitists who don't have to worry about where their next dollar is coming from (they know it is coming from the taxpayers) couldn't care less about the "rednecks" they look down upon. I don't have that luxury, Mr. President. I represent these people. I farmed and got my hands dirty and went broke a couple of times and I know where they are coming from. We need Diablo Canyon, we need that power, and we need it now.

I don't know if there is anything you can do to speed up the process. But if that power is not made available, I will certainly do everything I can to let the people know who helped and who didn't help when the crunch came.

Respectfully yours,



WILLIAM M. KETCHUM  
Member of Congress

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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY ) Docket No.(s) 50-275  
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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

21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1977.

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Office of the Secretary of the Commission

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