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State Senator **FOOD & UTIL. EAC. 50-275, 323**

**RAY JOHNSON**  
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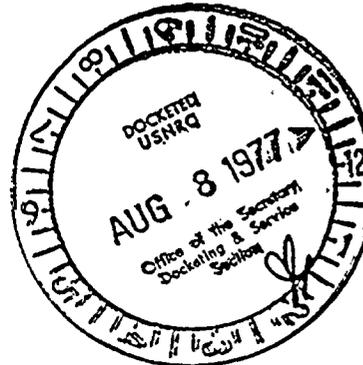
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1 August 1, 1977

Mr. Walter A. Berg  
Sierra Gold Nurseries  
Post Office Box 815  
Yuba City, California 95991



Dear Mr. Berg:

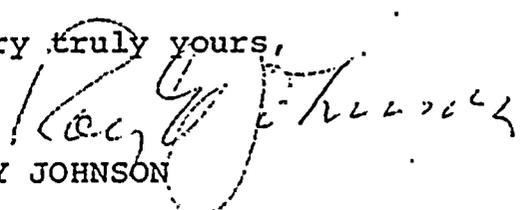
This is in response to your letter regarding the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant near San Luis Obispo.

As I am sure you are aware, this plant comes under federal jurisdiction over which I, as a California State Senator, have no control. Therefore, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Docketing Section of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington for inclusion in the Diablo Canyon file so that all parties to the proceeding will be aware of your views.

Additionally, I have personally contacted the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and can assure you that they are working as expeditiously as possible to resolve questions which have been raised about the ability of this facility to withstand earthquakes. Hopefully, they will be able to reach a final decision by the middle of next year. An interim operating license is a possibility; however, the Pacific, Gas & Electric Company has not applied for such a license.

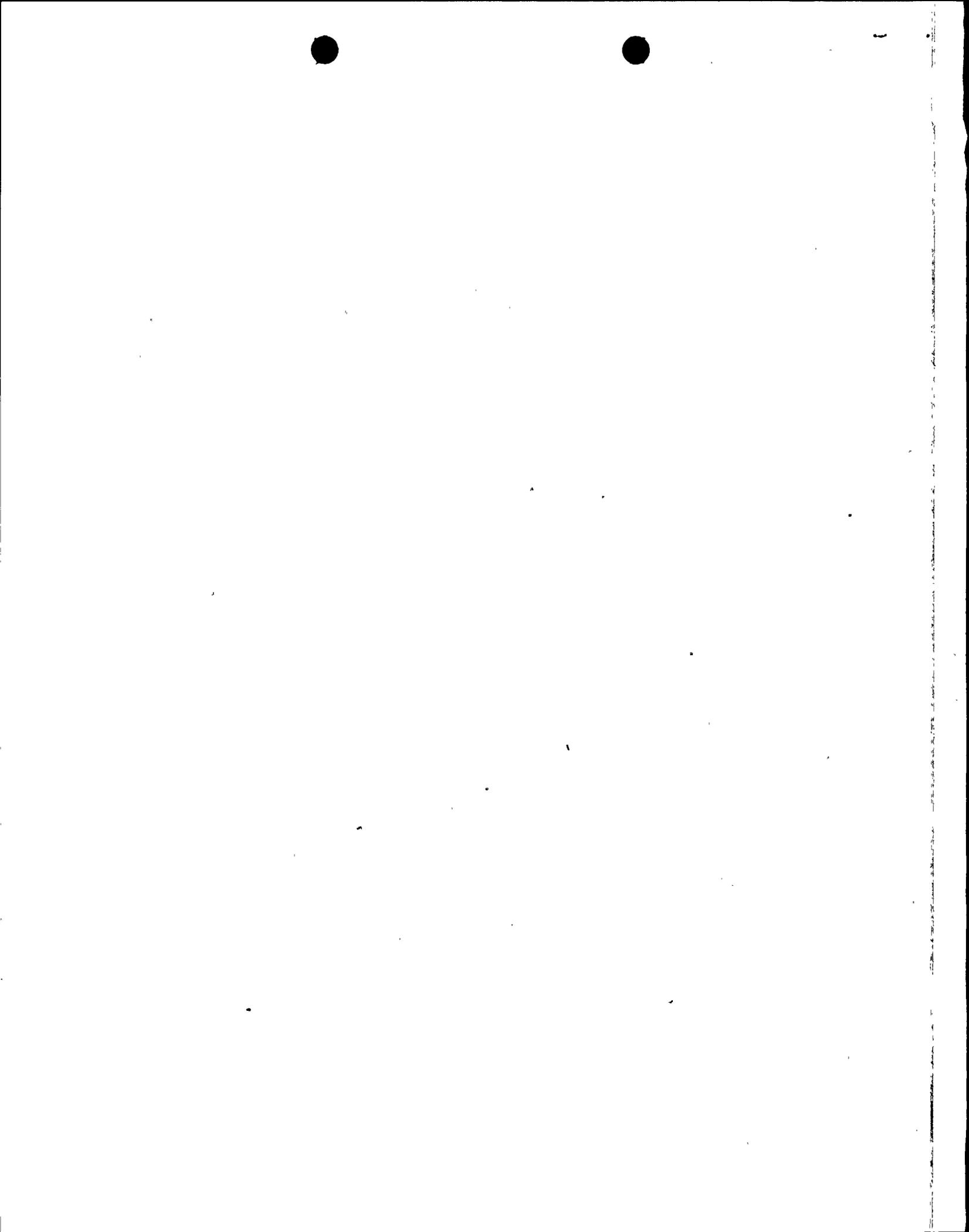
Thank you for taking the time to write. I certainly understand and share your concern in this matter. Please accept my apology for the delay in this response.

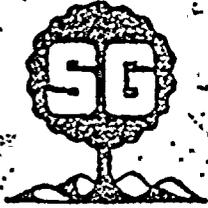
Very truly yours,

  
RAY JOHNSON

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bcc: Docketing & Services Section w/enclosures





# SIERRA GOLD NURSERIES

P. O. BOX 815, YUBA CITY, CA. 95991      PHONE (916) 674-1145

March 29, 1977



The Honorable Ray Johnson  
211 Wall Street  
Chico, CA 95926

Dear Mr. Johnson:

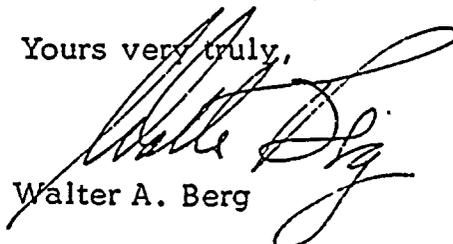
Because of the very serious drought conditions existing in the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys, we are extremely concerned about the availability of enough electricity during the summer months to pump our vitally needed irrigation water from our wells. Almost every day we read accounts in the newspapers that because of the lack of water in the mountains and behind the storage dams, there simply will not be enough hydro-electricity to serve the normal needs.

We are a nursery growing orchard trees in the field and regular weekly irrigation is a necessity if these trees are going to survive. Since the normal amount of electricity will not be available through hydro-electric sources we must insist that everything be done to obtain this electricity from other sources.

We refer especially to the Diablo Canyon Power Plant which is under construction by P. G. & E., and will be ready to produce power by July 1 if it is allowed to do so. We must insist that the priority for water in California is the number 1 priority at this time, and that certain groups of environmentalists who are using all tactics possible to block the operation of this power plant be put on notice that their wishes must be subordinate to the life and death requirement of water in California during this period of drought.

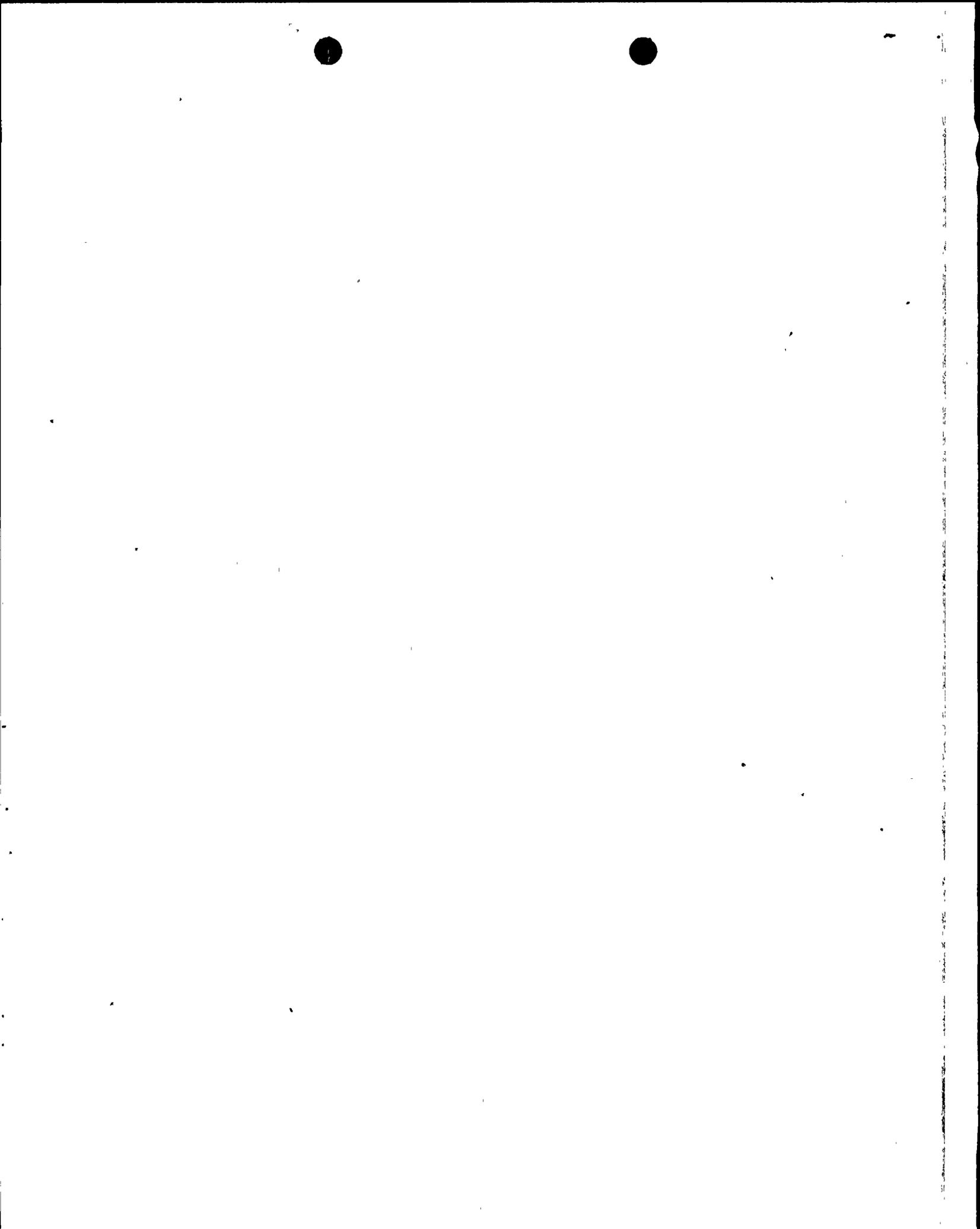
I urge you to do everything possible within your power to aid and assist in getting this very much needed power plant into operation just as soon as possible. Thank you for all the help that you can give.

Yours very truly,



Walter A. Berg

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# BUTTE COUNTY RICE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

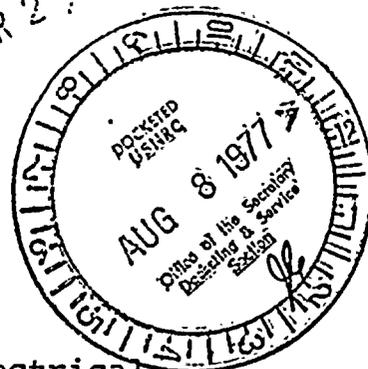
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RICHVALE, CALIFORNIA 95974

March 22, 1977

The Honorable Ray Johnson  
California State Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

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Dear Senator Johnson:

In view of the potentially critical shortage in electrical power available for the summer season of 1977, I wish to bring to your attention a serious concern we in the rice industry have. It is our understanding that the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, representing in excess of a 1 billion dollar investment to date, could be ready to produce power by July 1, 1977, but because of a potential seismic problem, an indefinite curtailment has been imposed on this facility. It is our understanding that this facility, when in full operation, will have the capability of producing some 1 million horsepower per day in electrical energy, a resource we feel will be desperately needed by mid-summer of this year.

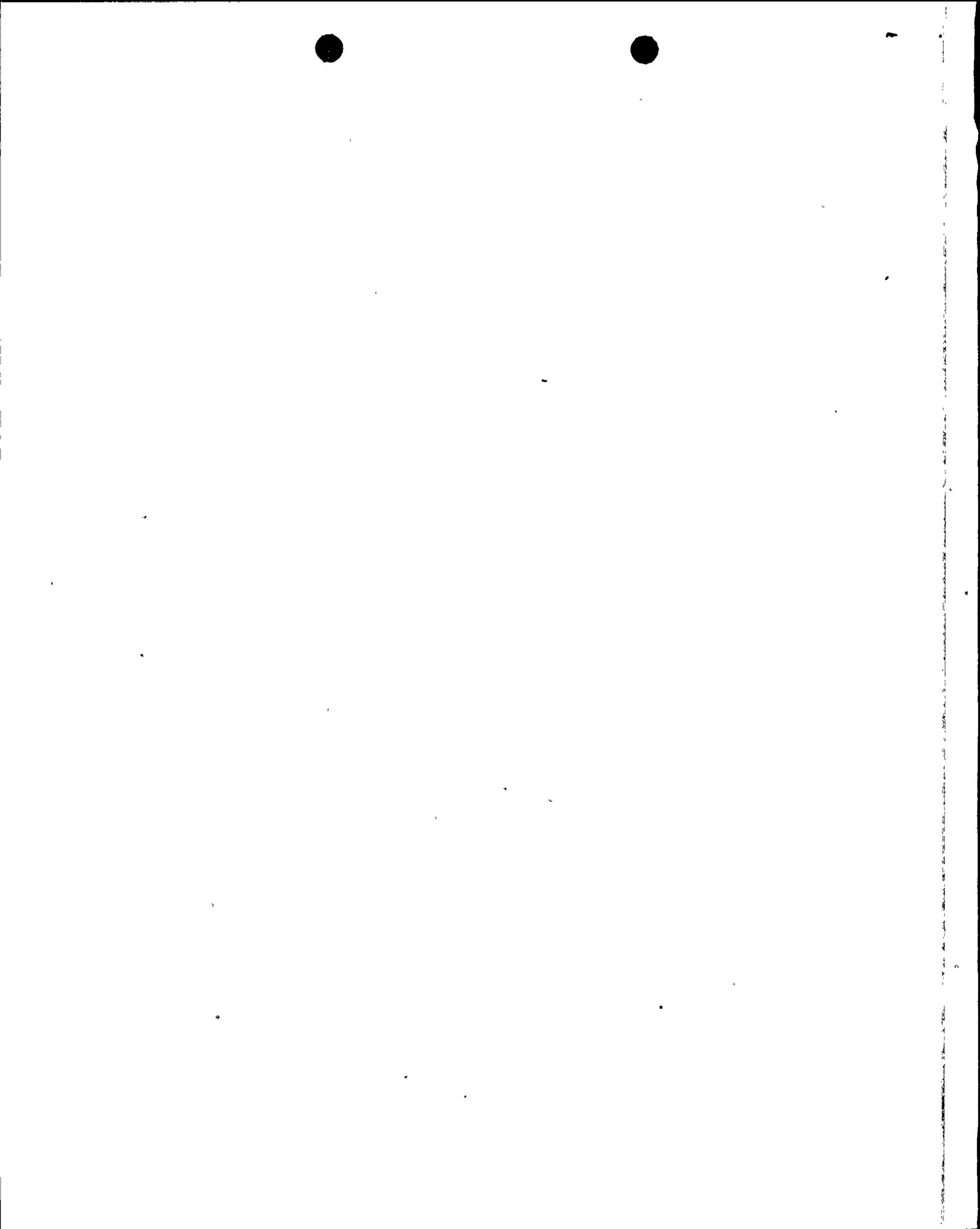
We do not profess to be knowledgeable in earthquake safety and are not recommending that undue safety hazards be ignored. We do, however, urge you to implement whatever means are at your disposal to accelerate the effort needed by all agencies involved to get this matter resolved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gordon L. Brewster'.

Gorden L. Brewster  
General Manager

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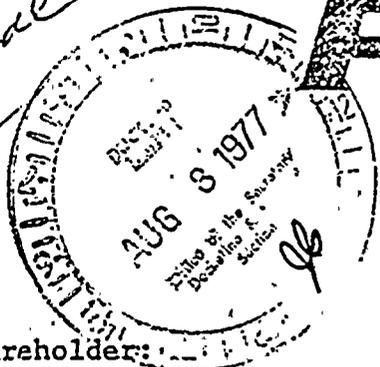


# VALLEY NITROGEN

Neal D. Butler  
R.R. 2, Box 146  
Orland, Ca. 95963

# PRODUCERS, INC.

*Dear Neal*



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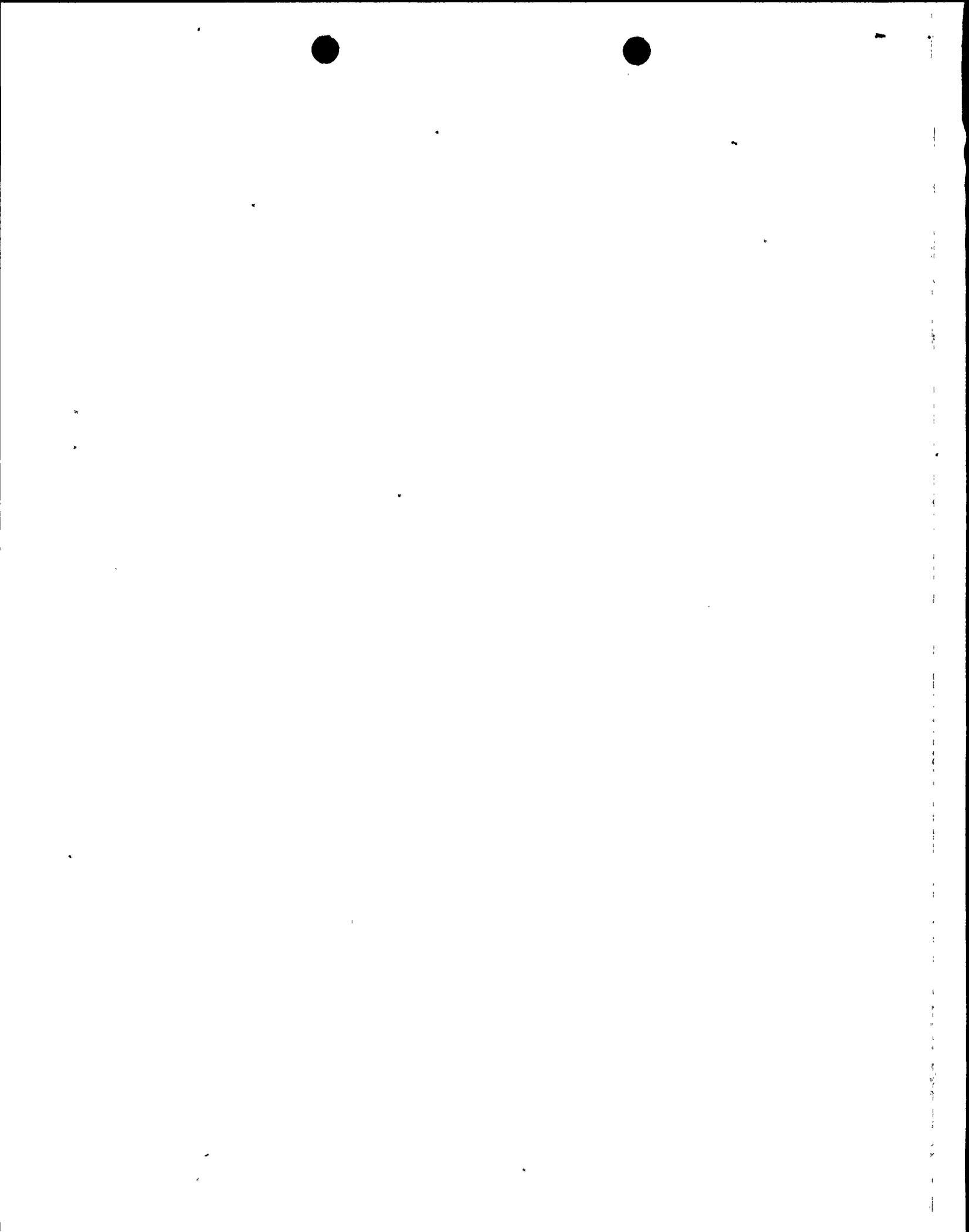
Dear Shareholder:

While Valley Nitrogen Producers does not customarily become involved with political issues, the Board of Directors and management feel the seriousness of the drought in California warrants our asking your support in expediting the opening of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant near San Luis Obispo.

Even though the first of PG&E's two units at this plant could be ready to produce power by July 1, it will remain idle during an emergency this summer unless the governmental agencies concerned act swiftly to permit the plant to operate. This first unit will produce 1,000,000 h.p., or sufficient electricity to operate 5,000 wells at 200 h.p. each. California cannot afford the tragedy of parched crops only a few hundred feet above a water table only because there is insufficient electricity to run its pumps.

As you know, short rainfall has left much of the state's farming areas with only ground water supplies to rely upon. Even where farmers are able to sink deeper wells and install more powerful pumps, they still must have increased electrical power to draw the water to the surface. That additional electrical power may not be available through conventional generating facilities which depend on steam generation or snow and rainfall runoff from the mountains. Paradoxically, the less water there is in the mountain reservoirs to power the hydro-electric generating plants, the greater will be the demand for more and more electricity.

The Diablo Canyon Power Plant, representing a \$1.2 billion investment to date and designed to use only sea water for cooling, still has not been cleared for operation because questions concerning earthquake safety have been raised. Valley Nitrogen is of course unqualified to know whether or not there is a seismic problem. We do know, however, that environmentalists are still attempting to nullify this tremendously important and vital source for electric energy and that the governmental agencies involved in studying the seismic influences are proceeding on a "business as usual" basis without recognizing the dreadful consequences of procrastination. We therefore strongly urge you and your neighbors to demand that the plant be given 24 hour-per-day attention by every agency involved and that these agencies exert every effort to see that this plant comes on stream at the earliest possible moment.

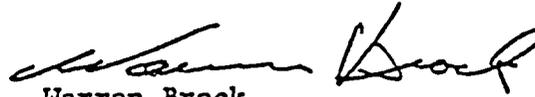


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Please give this matter your immediate and most serious thought. Unless agriculture voices its concern for adequate electrical power in this year of hardship, our difficulties can only be expected to compound in the future. Your letters should be directed to those officials and agencies listed below.

Very truly yours,

VALLEY NITROGEN PRODUCERS, INC.



Warren Brock  
President

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Mr. Richard L. Maullin, Chairman  
Energy Resources Conservation and  
Development Commission  
1111 Howe Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95825

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

California Public Utilities Commission  
350 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Sacramento, California

U.S. Senator Alex Cranston  
10960 Wilshire Blvd., Room 410  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

U.S. Senator S.I. Hayakawa  
1390 Market Street, Suite 820  
San Francisco, CA 94102

California Representatives in Congress

Local State Senators and Assemblymen

*Dear Kay: It seems to me that getting  
P. H. + Co Nuclear power plant to work as  
as possible is absolutely necessary. N: 0*



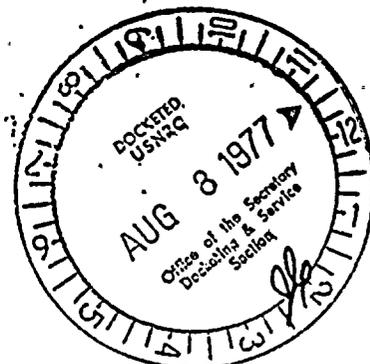
B & B RANCH

TELEPHONE (916) 343-7971 :: P.O. BOX 1540

CHICO, CALIFORNIA 95926

March 21, 1977

The Honorable Ray Johnson  
California State Senator  
Capitol Building  
Sacramento, California 95814



Dear Senator Johnson:

I am writing this letter with regard to PG&E's Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant near San Luis Obispo.

To my understanding the government agencies involved in studying the seismic influence and environmental impact are not in the least bit extending themselves to complete the study in order to expedite the operation of this plant in the event the reports are favorable. We rice farmers, as well as other agriculturalists, would like to point out to you that, because of the drought, more and deeper wells are being drilled in order to save the crops. These wells are electrically run and unfortunately, the conventional generating facilities depend on steam generator or snow and rainfall runoff from the mountains. Hence, the less water there is in mountain reservoirs, the greater the demand for more electricity. It would appear to me that the most logical thing to do is expedite any reports.

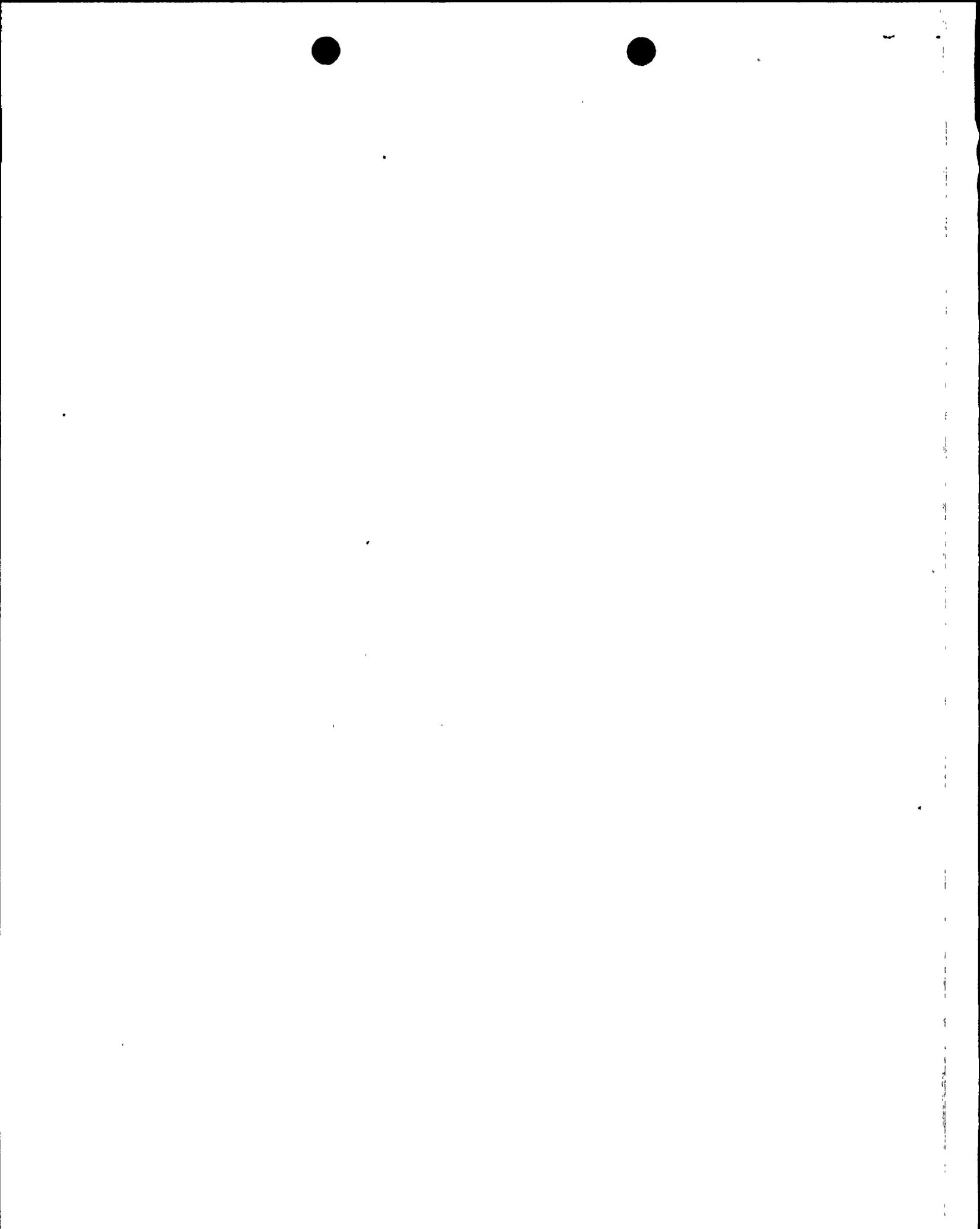
I would strongly recommend that you take any steps necessary to hasten the agencies working on these studies to declare whether or not it is safe to operate the plant and to make any decision as far as environmentalists are concerned so that the plant can open as soon as possible. I would also strongly urge that you consider the farmer and the majority of the people who benefit from the farmer's products rather than any one group of people.

Very truly yours,

B & B RANCH

*Jeremy*  
P. M. Barceloux, Partner

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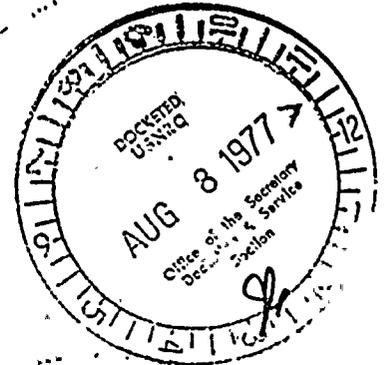


OAKS TOWN & COUNTRY, INC.

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CHICO, CALIFORNIA 95926

March 21, 1977



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California State Senator  
Capitol Building  
Sacramento, Calif. 95814

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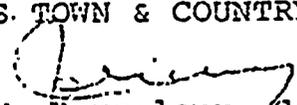
I am writing this letter with regard to FG&E's Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant near San Luis Obispo.

To my understanding the government agencies involved in studying the seismic influence and environmental impact are not in the least bit extending themselves to complete the study in order to expedite the operation of this plant in the event the reports are favorable. We rice farmers, as well as other agriculturalists, would like to point out to you that, because of the drought, more and deeper wells are being drilled in order to save the crops. These wells are electrically run and unfortunately, the conventional generating facilities depend on steam generator or snow and rainfull runoff from the mountains. Hence, the less water there is in mountain reservoirs, the greater the demand for more electricity. It would appear to me that the most logical thing to do is expedite any reports.

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Very truly yours,

OAKS TOWN & COUNTRY, INC.

  
P. M. Barceloux, Secretary-Treasurer

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