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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region 5
1990 North California Boulevard
Walnut Creek, California

Re: Licensing Diablo Canyon
Nuclear Facilities/P.G.&E.



Gentlemen:

The essential absurdity of further delay in processing and granting operating licenses for units 1 and 2 of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's facilities at Diablo Canyon become more manifest daily. Northern and Central California will be facing its third summer in a row of threats of brown-outs, rotating outages and other inconvenience. P.G.&E. planned ahead for the needed capacity in the late 1970's and early 1980's and as a result, made application to build the facility and proceeded to build it; yet it sits essentially finished, unused and a monument to bureaucratic delays. Everything about the plant has been studied, restudied, seismic improvements have been made in accordance with the Commission's findings concerning the Hosgri Fault, and yet nothing is being done.

While it is understandable that the Commission was fully involved for a year in studying the Three Mile Island incident, the Commission now and the AEC before it, have had more than ample time to complete their work, just as P.G.&E. has completed its planning and building.

I would like to further point out the folly of having an unused facility which burns an abundant nuclear fuel, but through its non-use utility, is forced to burn ever more precious and scarce oil. National policies are directed to the reduction of the use of oil and gas, and P.G.&E. could do so quite easily and quickly but for one license which has not been granted. The President is concerned about inflation; P.G.&E. could generate more cheaply, but for that same license.



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Gentlemen, I respectfully suggest that the license be granted if not forthwith, as expeditiously as possible. I have been convinced of these matters for some time, and having enjoyed a recent tour of the facility by the utility, I am even more convinced that the license should be issued.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Bacci". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R".

Robert R. Bacci

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cc: Mr. Dave Sweitzer
P. G. & E.

