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President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Blvd., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan;

We urge that you direct the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to take immediate action to eliminate any further delays in the licensing of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant and allowing it to start operation as rapidly as possible.

Every phase of the Diablo Nuclear Plant has gone through a series of public hearings and any additional hearing can only be viewed as a delaying tactic.

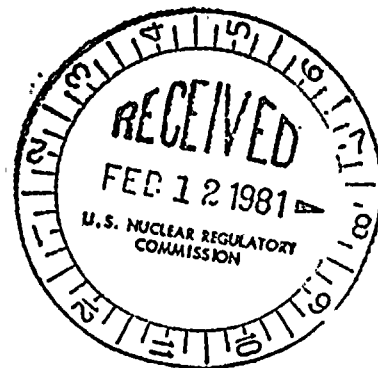
Lost production time of this plant and delaying processes to date are forcing increased energy costs on consumers. Enclosed are two resolutions urging that the Diablo plant be allowed to operate as soon as possible. These resolutions are dated December, 1978. It is an injustice to the consuming public to allow our energy availability to be deteriorated and its cost be accelerated out of reason by pressures from minority groups.

Sincerely,


LEROY E. McCHESNEY
Executive Manager

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Copies to: Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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RESOLUTION

URGING LICENSING OF DIABLO CANYON

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Being informed that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is today commencing hearings on the subject of licensing for operation of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant in San Luis Obispo County, the 86,000 member family California Farm Bureau Federation, whose 1978 Annual Meeting concurrently convenes in Anaheim, hereby unanimously adopts this resolution urging said Board to expeditiously issue the operating license to said Plant's owner and builder, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) as they have requested:

Whereas PG&E has expended ten years' time and approximately one billion four hundred million dollars in constructing the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant; and

Whereas this plant has the capacity to generate electricity at the rate of two million one hundred ninety thousand kilowatts, a capacity equivalent to the peak demand of all the farms in California, and likewise equivalent to the requirements of two million urban residents; and

Whereas this plant has the capability to produce electricity from a clean fuel source which will replace the burning of twenty million barrels of imported oil, the purchase of which now damages our foreign balance of trade at an annual rate of approximately three hundred million dollars; and

Whereas without the operation of this plant the existing electrical capacity of all utilities in California is insufficient to meet the impending needs of the state's residents and commerce; and



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Whereas no other source of electrical capacity can be made available in time to meet the needs which would be served by this plant, and

Whereas our own observation of the three nuclear electric generation plants which have operated in California (not counting those on board naval vessels in our harbors) for the last several years has shown us that substitution of nuclear for oil, coal or natural gas as a fuel source for the production of electricity will greatly benefit our air quality, and air quality is an issue of PRIME IMPORTANCE to most Californians ; and

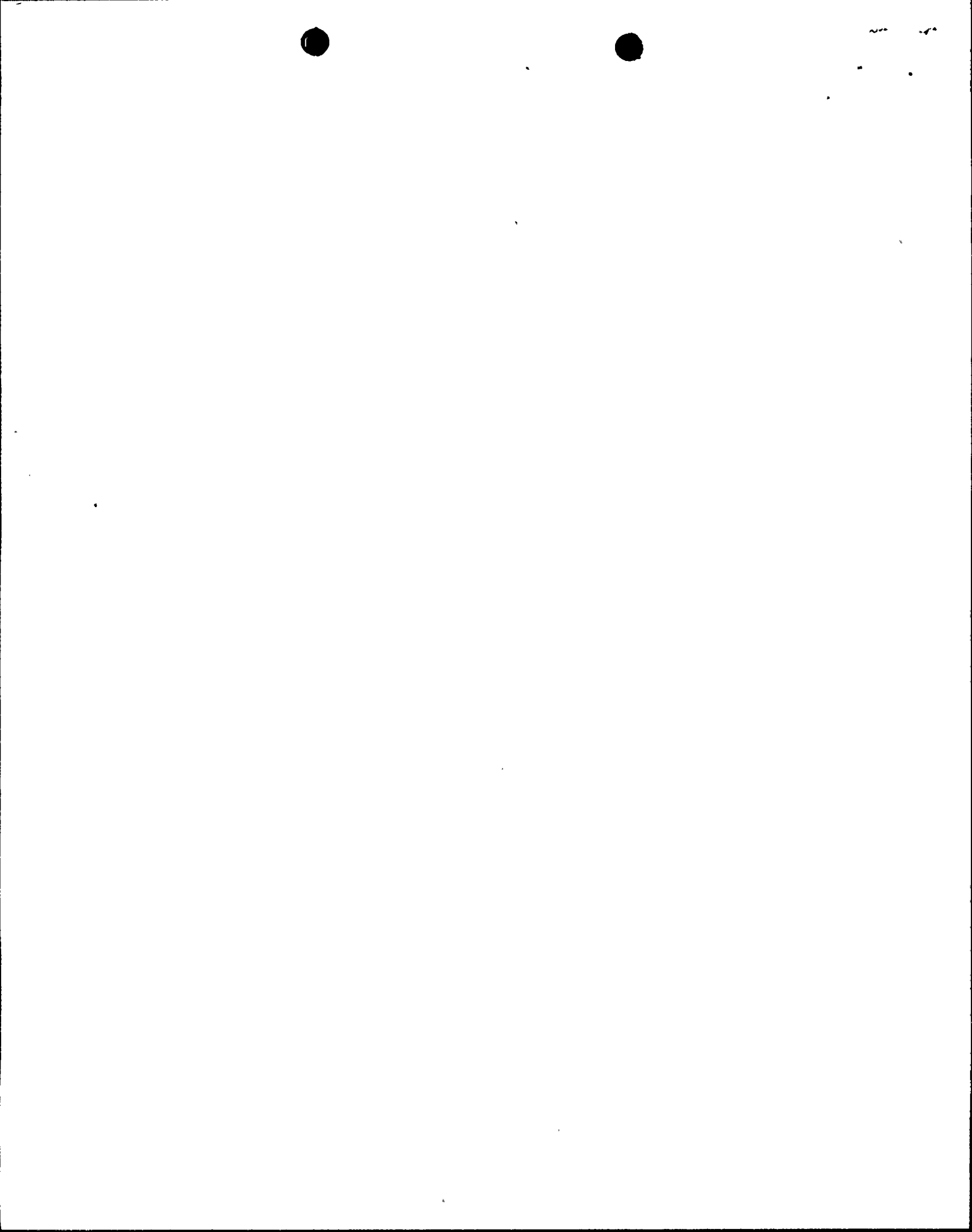
Whereas nuclear produced electricity is among the lowest cost sources of electricity which can be made available in a timely manner; and

Whereas we consider waste of human and financial resources to be among the foremost problems of the United States; and

Whereas this plant, while awaiting operational license, will represent the wasting of about a million dollars a day in lost interest on investment, depreciation, overhead and other related expenses such as the higher production cost of oil-produced electricity; and

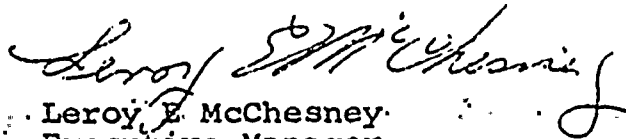
Whereas we believe the failure of the government of the United States to insure the timely operation of this plant would be unduly damaging to the interests of all people and would protect the interests of none; and

Whereas PG&E applied for an operating license over fifteen months prior to the hearings now scheduled for December 1978;



Therefore, be it resolved that the California Farm Bureau Federation hereby urges the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to issue expeditiously a license for the operation of the Diable Canyon Nuclear Plant to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

(The foregoing resolution was adopted by the California Farm Bureau State delegates at its annual meeting in Anaheim on Monday, December 4, 1978).



Leroy E. McChesney
Executive Manager
San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FARM BUREAU RESOLUTION

DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT

W H E R E A S: Through the use of energy the agricultural industry is producing food at a lower cost unit per consumer dollar earned than ever before, and

W H E R E A S: most of the energy requirements for the production and transportation of agriculture products is in mobile equipment, and

W H E R E A S: such equipment depends on petroleum fuel, and

W H E R E A S: plastics and fertilizers that are essential to agriculture are manufactured from petroleum products, and

W H E R E A S: petroleum supplies are being depleted at an alarming rate, and

W H E R E A S: as energy supplies become critical, energy costs will increase, and

W H E R E A S: increased energy costs are reflected in increased production costs that must be passed on to the consumer, and

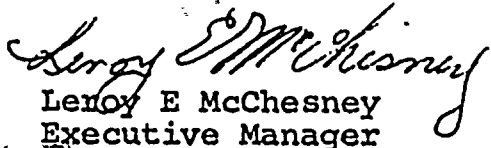
W H E R E A S: increased cost of California agricultural produce reduces the farmers ability to compete in export markets, and

W H E R E A S: world trade is essential to the agriculture industry and the United States balance of payments, and

W H E R E A S: nuclear energy is an effective alternative to the use of hydro-carbon fuels in a generating plant.

T H E R E F O R E: be it resolved that the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau urges the Nuclear Safety Board and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to expedite the processes required to authorize the Diablo Canyon plant to begin operations.

The foregoing resolution was drafted in accordance with the County Farm Bureau policy to be submitted to the Nuclear Safety Board at its hearings held in December 1978 at the San Luis Bay Inn.


Leroy E McChesney
Executive Manager

December 12, 1978



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