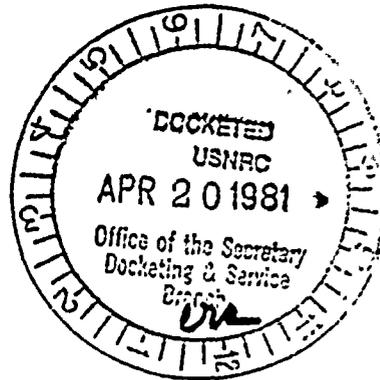


DOCKET NUMBER 58-275323
-PROD. & UTIL. FAC.



S.O.L.A.R.
c/o SO NO More Atomics
883E Sonoma Ave.
Santa Rosa, Ca., 95404
March 28, 1981

John Bryson, President
Public Utilities Commission
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, Ca., 94102

Dear President Bryson and Commission members,
This is the second anniversary of the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island.

We of S.O.L.A.R., an affinity group of SO NO More Atomics, send this to you at the mail-in following the rally of Breaking the Cycle. This is a Sonoma County event, locally organized, but inspired by the work of the Center for Law in the Public Interest (CLIFI), the California League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club, San Luis Obispo Community Mothers for Peace, Abalone Alliance, and the Diablo Conversion Campaign. The word has spread up from San Luis Obispo: you are not acting in the public's interest and you need to be told again that ratepayers will not accept the licencing of the Diablo Canyon plant.

CLIFI petitioned you for a thorough study of alternatives and for new public hearings on Diablo Canyon. When you refused this petition you became complicitous in the threat P.G.&E. makes to us with Diablo Canyon. On July 29, 1980 you cited P.G.&E.'s \$1.7 billion investment as the compelling reason not to reexamine the issues. By choosing to protect P.G.&E.'s investment and supposed future profit you not only neglected to do your job of protecting the public from economic exploitation by utility companies, but you also became an important part of the process that leads us here in California towards a nuclear accident like the one at Three Mile Island, or worse. Considering merely the economic consequences of such an accident, you must revise your stand. Industry spokespersons in Pennsylvania estimate that clean-up will take as long as ten years and cost a billion dollars. That is the probable economic future--if not worse. The present is this: P.G.&E is already several million dollars over its billion dollar construction budget. As time goes on, Diablo Canyon becomes less and less economically viable. Altogether, the plant is not in the public's best economic interest.

Undoubtedly you don't like to consider the probability of a nuclear accident. Noone does, but accidents are bound to happen in any large operation. The odds against Diablo's operating for its brief 30 years without a catastrophe are very poor. Since the plant is just 2 1/2 miles from an earthquake fault, a disaster could occur--at any time--even without the help of human negligence, ignorance or sabotage. A nuclear accident could mean sure contamination of a 500 mile radius. There is no proper evacuation plan.

Because of radioactive build-up, the Diablo Canyon plant would deliver power to people for only 30 years, even if it operated without mishap. P.G.&E. has found no way to dispose of the waste. There is no good way. Radioactive waste is garbage that we can't throw out; noone on the planet should be asked to live in the threat of contact with it; and there is no storage place that is leak-proof and maniac-proof for a half-million years.

We know you know all this. You have told ratepayers who are protesting, and groups like the Diablo Conversion Campaign and CLIFI, that seismic safety, the radioactive waste problem, and emergency evacuation preparedness are not

18106040410

H

DSO3
S
1/6

Handwritten scribbles or marks in the top right corner.



issues you are allowed to address unless they bear on the economic viability of the plant. Ofcourse they do, and CLUPI has made that perfectly plain in their comprehensive statement, which you received with an appeal to reconsider your response to the petition. We also know you know that the issues we've just mentioned have caused the San Luis Obispo community's attitude to change to opposition to the plant since 1967. You have a clear responsibility to respond to that changed attitude in order to obey your mandate to find Diablo Canyon in the public's best interest. Since you turned down CLUPI's petition, we ratepayers have recourse only to a ratepayers' protest to refocus your attention on the unacceptability of the plant. Diablo Canyon is not in our interest, economically or any other way. You say that sending P.G.&E. payments to you is appropriate only in the case of a billing dispute between a utility company and an individual. We are all individuals, and we protest against paying--making profit for-- a company that uses our money to print and send to us nuclear propaganda with our bills and to lobby Washington for subsidies to build an operation that will threaten all our lives. We dispute P.G.&E.'s use of our money; we call it misuse.

President Bryson, other Commission members, you are a few individuals about whom we, individuals in S.O.L.A.R., know very little. We do know that if Diablo Canyon goes on line and there is an accident, we will all be in that minimum 500 mile radius of contamination. Each of you has just as much stake, personally, in preventing Diablo Canyon's commissioning as each of us. We have reason to think some of you realize that. We know some of you have been responsive to environmental issues and support the development of alternative energy. We tell you plainly and strongly that it is a mistake--it may very well be a fatal mistake--for any of you to think that by using Diablo Canyon's licencing as a bargaining piece to get support for progressive legislation or action in some area, you are serving environmental interests. A "crisis of confidence in the banking community" will not count for anything in the case of a meltdown. Nothing is more threatening to our environment than atomic energy, whether in the form of power plants or warheads. Remember Three Mile Island.

Yours for a nuclear-free future,
S.O.L.A.R.

cc: P.G.&E.
Gov. Gerald Brown
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Press Democrat
News Herald
San Luis Obispo County Telegram-Tribune
San Francisco Chronicle

Venus Maher
Elizabeth T. Loran
Sue Wade
Linda Jean Prohman
Birch Mowman
Pat Mullockey
Cass Smith
Jamie M. Mitchell
Bette Morgan
J.A. Dunkin
Mable Kierulff

Handwritten scribbles and marks in the top right corner.



A small cluster of faint, illegible handwritten marks or characters.

A small, faint handwritten mark or character.

A small, faint handwritten mark or character.

A small, faint handwritten mark or character.