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The Honorable Robert J. Lagomarsino United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Lagomarsino:

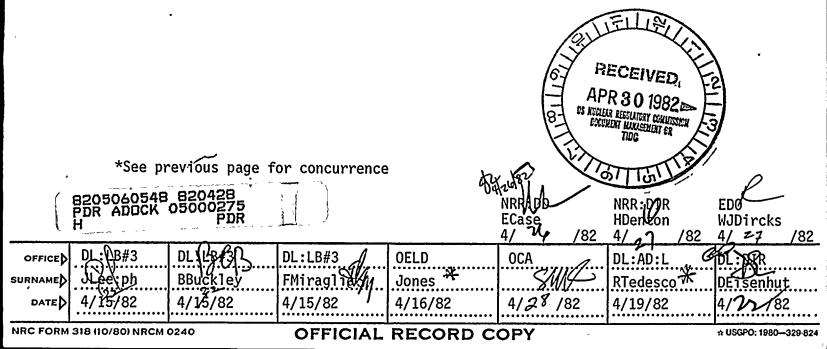
This is in response to your constituent's, Mr. J. M. Boland, letter of March 16, 1982 in which he expressed concern over the increase in electrical costs in Santa Barbara, California and asked who would pay if the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plants were not to come on line? The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has no direct knowledge of the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Company's rate increase which your constituent cited, nor do we regulate costs associated with the cancellation of nuclear power plants. You may wish to refer Mr. Boland to the State of California Public Utilities Commission to obtain information about rate increases and the handling of costs associated with power plant cancellation.

I regret that we are unable to be more directly responsive to your constituent's concerns.

Sincerely,

(Signed) T. A. Rehm

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Executive Director for Operations



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I trust that the above information will be helpful in responding to your constituent's concerns.

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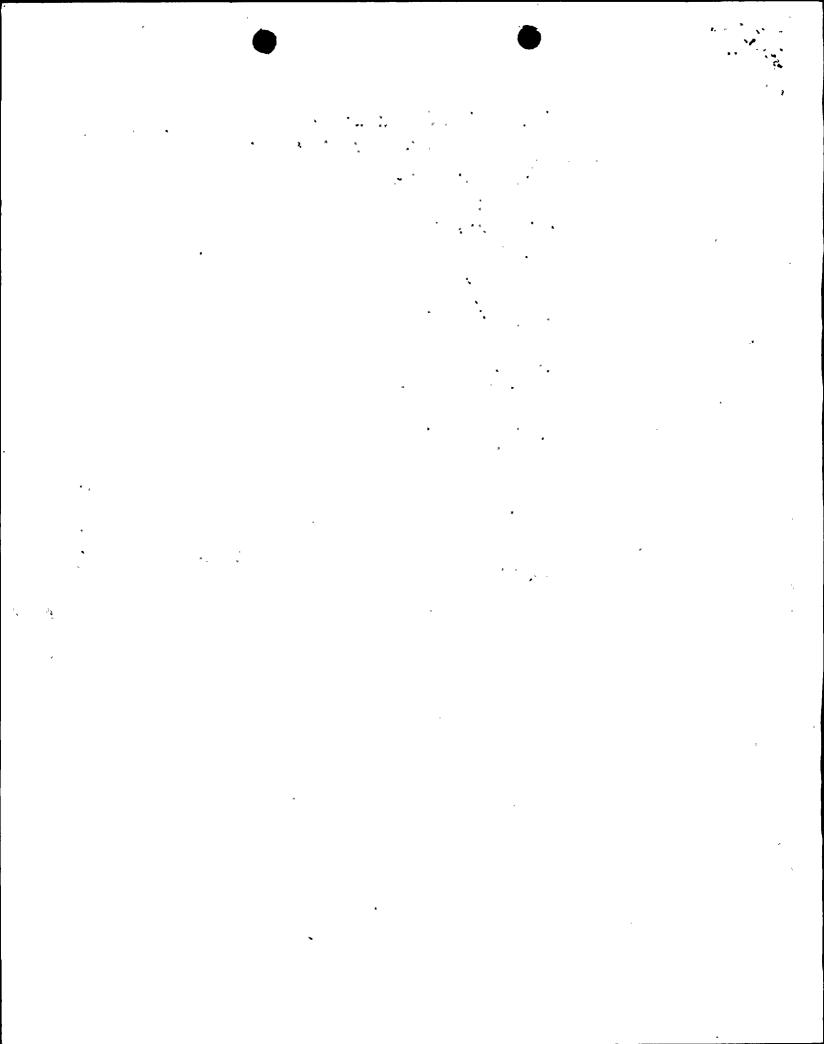
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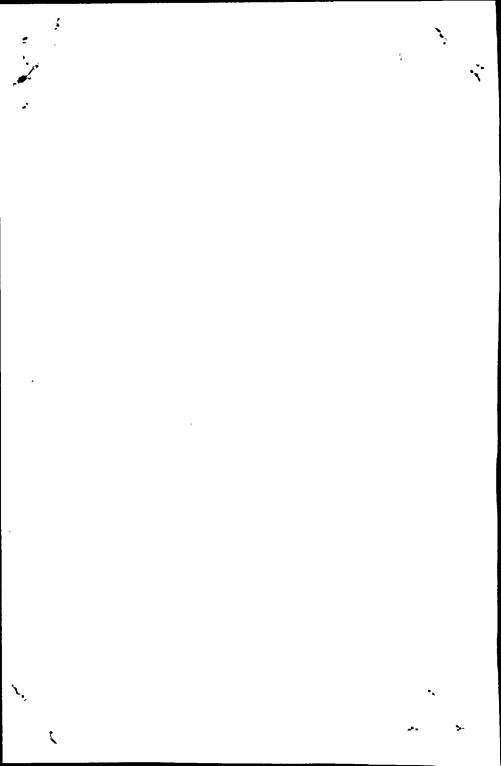
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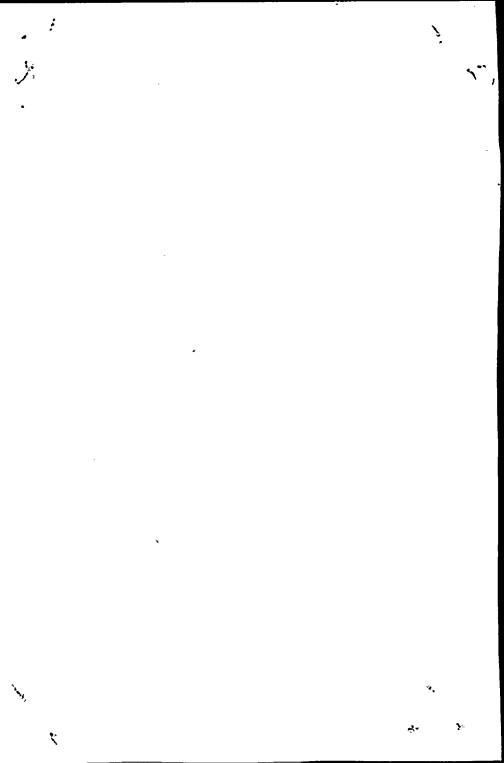
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