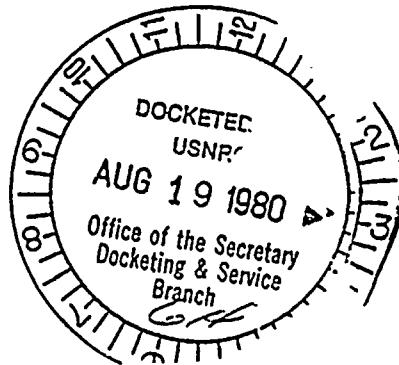




UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Richard S. Salzman, Chairman  
Dr. John H. Buck  
Dr. W. Reed Johnson  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Panel  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: In the Matter of Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
(Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units Nos. 1  
and 2), Docket Nos. 50-275 OL and 50-323 OL

Gentlemen:

As counsel for Dr. Trifunac and Dr. Luco I am able to inform the Board as follows:

Dr. Trifunac has advised that he has no difficulty with the Board's hearing schedule; however, as his teaching schedule will likely not permit his presence at the entire hearing he would like to be informed as closely as possible of those dates when he will be expected to testify. Further, he informs me that his schedule is sufficiently flexible this autumn to meet any scheduling change the Board might wish to make.

Dr. Luco, on the other hand, awaits the birth of a child "due" on September 22 and advises that he will be unavailable for one week after the birth. In light of the uncertainty of the precise date of that event, I request on his behalf that the Board postpone the commencement of the hearing until October 14. He has no other known conflict this autumn. For the same reason as Dr. Trifunac, Dr. Luco requests notification of the dates set for his testimony.

Because neither of these witnesses is able to be present for the entire hearing, they request that copies of transcripts of any testimony that precedes theirs be made available to them for their review.

Both witnesses have received the materials sent by staff counsel and have had the opportunity for an initial review. Based on that review they believe that they will be able to meet the Board's September 2nd due date; however, they can not yet rule out the possibility that they may need to request an extension of a few

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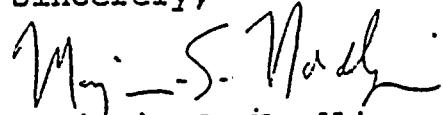
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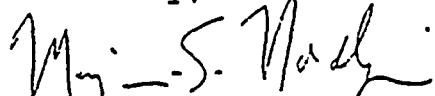
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