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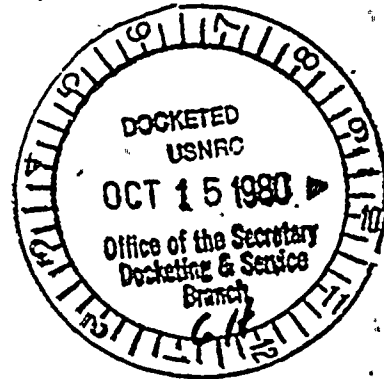
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Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Panel
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
4350 East West Highway
Bethesda, Maryland 20014



Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

This letter is to reiterate Governor Brown's strong objection to the proposal that the security plan hearing be held at the San Francisco headquarters of the applicant, Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Regardless of the best efforts of all parties, siting of the hearing at the bosom of the applicant would only heighten the perception of many members of the public that the NRC lacks sufficient independence from the applicant community to consider seriously the possibility that an operating license should be denied at Diablo because of the deeply troubling seismic and other unresolved safety questions.

Since the security hearing will in any event not be open to interested citizens, we believe that the most appropriate site would be the headquarters of the NRC in Washington, D. C. or Bethesda, Maryland.

If that is unacceptable, the other possibilities we would suggest would be a federal building in San Francisco, perhaps a vacant courtroom at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, or any other publicly owned building. If you would like, we will be happy to make a state facility available in San Francisco, Sacramento or Los Angeles, and provide appropriate assistance from the California State Police to assure the integrity and security of the proceedings.

I thank you for your consideration of our position. Please contact me if you wish to pursue my offer of an appropriate state facility.

Respectfully submitted,

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