

Docket Nos. 50-275  
and 50-323

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
ATTN: Mr. Frederick T. Scarls  
Vice President and  
General Counsel  
77 Beale Street  
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

On November 29, 1971, the Director of Regulation for the Atomic Energy Commission issued an Order to Show Cause directed to you, to show cause why construction activities involving clearing the off-site right-of-way and constructing the second Diablo-Midway transmission line for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, should not be suspended pending completion of a review of the environmental impact of the continued construction of the transmission line under the Commission's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix D.

A determination that such construction activities at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant should be suspended pending completion of the NEPA environmental review had been made by the Director of Regulation upon consideration of your written statement of reasons (with supporting factual submission) dated October 18, 1971, why the construction permit should not be suspended, in whole or in part, pending completion of the NEPA environmental review, and upon consideration and balancing of the criteria set out in Section E.2 of Appendix D of 10 CFR Part 50. The reasons for the determination were set out in a document entitled "Discussion and Findings by the Division of Reactor Licensing, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Relating to Consideration of Suspension Pending NEPA Environmental Review of the Construction Permits for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, AEC Docket Nos. 50-275/323," dated November 29, 1971, which was appended to and made a part of the Order to Show Cause. The Order to Show Cause, the Determination, and the "Discussion and Findings," were sent to you on November 29, 1971.

The Order to Show Cause provided that an answer might be filed and a hearing demanded within thirty days of the date of the Order to Show Cause and that upon failure to file an answer within the specified time,

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an order suspending the above mentioned construction activities pending completion of those portions of the NEPA environmental review would be issued without further notice.

No answer to the Order to Show Cause or demand for a hearing was filed by you.

In view of the above, and pursuant to the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 2 and 50, Appendix D, construction activities involving clearing the off-site right-of-way and constructing the second Diablo-Midway transmission line for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2, are suspended. A copy of the Order suspending these activities is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
Peter A. Morris

Peter A. Morris, Director  
Division of Reactor Licensing

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