UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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In the Matter of

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

(Stanislaus Nuclear Project, Unit 1) Docket No. P-564A

ORDER DENYING MOTION OF SOUTHERN CITIES FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER REGARDING PGSE'S FOURTH SET OF INTERROGATORIES (November 9, 1979)

On October 19, 1979, the Intervenors Cities of Anaheim and Riverside, California (Southern Cities) filed a motion for protective order with respect to their objections to certain questions in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) fourth set of interrogatories. The latter's response was filed on November 5, 1979.

Objections are made to Interrogatory Nos. 4(f), 8(c), 9(c), 12(f), 15(c), 16(c) and 17 on the grounds that it would be unduly burdensome to identify which documents relate to particular interrogatories. These objections are overruled. Southern Cities are in the best position to identify which documents relate to specified actions taken by them. Their own analyses in this regard are also proper discovery for trial preparation by their adversaries.

The "best estimates" as to bonding capacity called for by Interrogatories Nos. 6 and 13 do not ask for mere conjectures, and should be answered.



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The prematurity objections to Nos. 17 and 23 are denied, and the information presently available should be furnished, subject to subsequent supplementation.

The objections to No. 62 regarding contacts between representatives of the cities and state legislators are denied. This question is subject to a reasonable interpretation in asking Southern Cities to make appropriate inquiries of their representatives and disclosure of information. The response of PG&E to this interrogatory objection is stricken. The Board does not intend to consider responses which merely refer it to another response to another party's motion. If the subject is not worth repeating, it is not worth our time to consider it.

It is so ordered.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 9th day of November 1979.

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