

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT 1

DOCKET NO. 50-275

ORDER EXTENDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

Pacific Gas and Electric Company is the holder of Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-39 and CPPR-69 issued by the Atomic Energy Commission* on April 23, 1968 and December 9, 1970, respectively, for construction of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, presently under construction at the Company's site in San Luis Obispo County, California.

On May 24, 1979, Pacific Gas and Electric Company filed a request for extension of the completion date for Unit 1.

On November 15, 1978, the Commission's staff published Supplement No. 8 to the Safety Evaluation Report for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant documenting the need to make certain modifications. Consequently, additional time will be required to complete the modifications and to conclude the licensing process for Unit 1. Additional time is also required for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff to complete its investigation of the incident at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 2 and to apply new safety requirements arising from this investigation to the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plants to the extent that they are applicable. In order to accommodate a reasonable schedule needed to complete the safety evaluation and the subsequent licensing actions related

*Effective January 20, 1975, the Atomic Energy Commission became the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Permits in effect on that day were continued under the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

to these new safety requirements, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff concluded that the requested extension date of October 31, 1979 should be extended to December 31, 1979.

This action involves no significant hazards consideration; good cause has been shown for the delays; an environmental statement, negative declaration or environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the extension; and the requested extension is for a reasonable period, the bases for which are set forth in a staff evaluation of request for extension.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the applicant's request for extension of the construction permit completion date for Diablo Canyon, Unit 1 dated May 24, 1979, and (2) the staff's related evaluation, all of which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20555 and at the Local Public Document Room located in San Luis Obispo County Free Library, P. O. Box X, San Luis Obispo, California 93406.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the latest completion date for CPPR-39 is extended from June 30, 1979 to December 31, 1979 for Unit 1.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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