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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Comm.,  
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Joseph M. Hendrie, Chairman,  
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(Special Note:  
Not 5% of Sacramentoans want Rancho  
Seco shut down---all the flack is  
from college types that don't live  
this area)

Gentlemen,

The members of your important body along with Harold R. Denton, Director of The Office Of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, should move swiftly to rule on any problems the 72 Nuclear Power Plants have--now or may have in the future---with a view toward keeping them in full operation in this most critical time. The simple reason is that there is practically nothing to turn to swiftly to get out the kilowatts needed to keep the homes and the businesses of the nation operating comfortably than Nuclear Power. It will take up to five years to replace this kind of power with coal and even longer because of the nuts who make up the environmental groups who go to great lengths to sabotage any efforts to get coal fired plants off the ground. In California, despite great efforts by Public Utilities such as PG&E---a company which bought coal mines turning out low sulfur coal---no coal using electric generating plant has even gotten started.

Great growth in housing and business brought on by legal and illegal immigrants (California has about 1,000 illegals sneaking over its borders every day and the government plans to dump thousands more of the ethnic Chinese from Vietnam here this year) use of electricity and natural gas has jumped by leaps and bounds. One day last month PG&E, since the shutdown of Rancho Seco here, came within 5% of a blackout and the real scorching summer hasn't started yet. Over 180 major companies were told by PG&E to hurry up stand-by generating equipment because if Rancho Seco was held out of service and the Company could not get the OK to start up their big Mount Diablo Nuclear Plant (which is all finished and ready to go) they might have to be turned off. This means great loss of income to both the companies and their employees since most probably would not be able to get any kind of fuel or even the OK to build their own stand-bys so the plants may have to close, at least partially.

Sacramento Municipal Utility District was urged to build Rancho Seco by the Federal, State and local governmental bodies plus the press and TV media. The people of Sacramento County, numbering less than 750,000 people, are on the hook for about One Billion Dollars the district now owes. It is costing the District \$13,500 a day in salaries to the trained personnel who must be kept on at full pay while the facility is shut down (you can't pick up replacement personnel in the streets) and with Guards and other charges it runs about \$20,000 per day or \$140,000 a week. Right now it is "borrowing" power from PG&E (which buys all the surplus power from Rancho Seco) and this "borrowed" power is being made right now from very expensive oil and SMUD will have to pay through the nose for this power if Rancho Seco is kept closed. A fair guess would be that power for household use for air conditioning, etc., would triple or quadruple in cost to the consumer if the go ahead isn't given.

The District has made all the changes requested and will gladly make more at the direction of the Director Harold Denton. Personnel will be as careful as that on the U.S. Navy's nuclear powered subs, cruisers and air craft carriers. The groups that are asking for safety hearing are the left wing groups, headed by the so-called "Friends Of The Earth", <sup>that</sup> draw their support from college campuses and in the many meetings called by SMUD after the Three Mile Island fiasco wanted to "shut all nuclear plants down permanently" regardless of how safe they were. Oil and Natural Gas are out for making power and solar is still far off where quantity production is concerned.

Attached is copy of a letter I sent to Harold R. Denton recently.  
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