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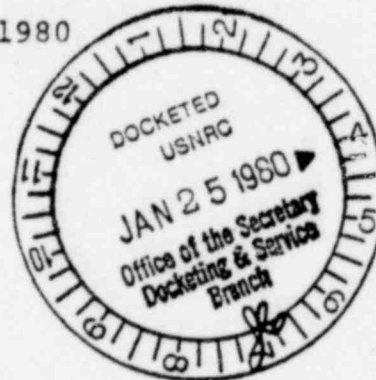
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Re: Pacific Gas and Electric Company,
Stanislaus Nuclear Unit No. 1, NRC Docket
No. P. 564-A.

Dear Bill:

This is in response to the Board's Order dated January 16, docketed January 17, and received by this office on the 21st. I apologize for the delay, but I have been out of the office as has virtually everybody else involved in the Stanislaus proceeding with any knowledge of the issues involved.

Since it is obviously unsafe for us to venture the substantial expenditures involved in discovery on the basis of oral representations or understandings, I would suggest that we proceed with at least confirmations in writing of all understandings before expenditures are incurred.

As we understand the Board's Order, we are directed to make available to you a preliminary inspection of the filing arrangements of NCPA members and to permit the green dotting process on central files equivalent to the central files of PG&E which were made available for green dotting. The green dotting procedure would be appropriately used on the central files of the NCPA members whose files have not yet been searched by us and the Board directs us to confer as to whether the discovery search done by us already is comparable with or substantially similar to the green dotting procedure.

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As we have discussed before, the preliminary inspection of filing arrangements (i.e., the Roseville Chainindex system) will probably not be terribly useful to you, and you have expressed your desire in the past to postpone your investigation of that system until the basic issues were resolved by the Board.

I presume that you have some preference as to the order in which you would propose to proceed. If you will advise us preferably through Mr. Adragna (who is familiar with the details of what has been done), or me (in which case I will have to determine the details from Mr. Adragna) of your desires in this regard, we can get this procedure under way and, hopefully, avoid a duplication of the massive efforts that have already gone into this.

Yours very truly,



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