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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF SMID'S APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Attached for your information is a copy of a public ennouncement entitled "Sacramento Utility Applies for Permit to Construct Muclear Power Plant." We plan to issue the announcement at 11 a.m. Monday, Hovember 27. It has been approved by the Director of Regulation.

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SACRAMENTO UTILITY APPLIES FOR PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The Atomic Energy Commission has received an application from the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for a permit to build a nuclear power plant in Sacramento County, California.

The plant, to be known as the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station Unit No. 1, would use a pressurized water reactor and would have an output of about 850,000 gross electrical kilowatts.

The Babcock & Wilcox Company has been selected to design, manufacture, and deliver to the site the complete nuclear steam supply system. The Westinghouse Corporation will supply the turbine-generator. The Bechtel Corporation has been retained as architect-engineer and supervisor of construction.

The plant would be located on a 2480-acre site about 25 miles southeast of the City of Sacramento. The total cost of the plant, excluding the nuclear fuel, is estimated to be about \$143 million. According to the application, the plant is expected to begin commercial operation by May 1, 1973.

The application will be reviewed by the AEC Regulatory Staff and by the Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. Before the Commission can make a determination on the application, a public hearing must be held.