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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RESPONDS TO YOUR REQUEST AS TO THE EFFECT UPON NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC CAPACITY MARGINS IN THE EVENT THAT THE RANCHO SECO UNIT IS SHUTDOWN THIS SUMMER. THE DATA WAS REVISED TODAY (4/23) FROM THAT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION AND THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REFLECT THE FORCED OUTAGE OF THE 108 MW CONTRA COSTA UNIT NO. 1, WHICH OCCURRED ON APRIL 21, 1979 AND WHICH WILL EXTEND AT LEAST THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA CAPACITY MARGINS, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL PURCHASES FROM NEIGHBORING UTILITIES AND WITHOUT RANCHO SECO, ARE ESTIMATED

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TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

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MAY	2.48-0/0	JULY	0.98-0/0
JUNE	5.8-0/0	AUGUST	1.07-0/0

ASSUMING THAT WE PURCHASE ALL CAPACITY NOW ESTIMATED TO BE AVAILABLE FROM NEIGHBORING UTILITIES, AREA MARGINS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE:

MAY	4.43-0/0	JULY	3.3-0/0
JUNE	8.6-0/0	AUGUST	3.4-0/0

THESE MARGINS ARE CLEARLY INSUFFICIENT TO PROTECT AGAINST ANY ADDITIONAL FORCEEE OUTAGES, AND IF LOADS ARE AS FORECASTED WE

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WOULD BE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT CUSTOMER LOAD CURTAILMENT PROCEDURES

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