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Docket No. P-564-A

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In the Matter of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (Stanislaus Nuclear Project, Unit No. 1)

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JOINT RESPONSE BY NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCE AND THE CITIES OF ANAHEIM AND RIVERSIDE OPPOSING PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER RFGARDING RODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

The Northern California Power Agency and the Cities of Anaheim and Riverside, California, (all referred to collectively herein as "Cities"), intervenors in this proceeding, hereby answer and oppose the Motion by Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") for a Protective Order Regarding Production of Documents, dated May 13, 1981.

PG&E's motion requests that the Board "grant permission to continue the status quo" as to discovery until the Board rules on the joint motion of PG&E and Staff to suspend. The status quo, however, is that PG&E is under a continuing obligation to produce documents. What PG&E seeks is a change in the legal status quo which would relieve it of its continuing obligation to produce. PG&E has advanced no good reason why it should be relieved of that obligation unless one assumes that the joint motion, opposed by all intervenors, is to be granted. Even if the joint motion to suspend is granted, PG&E will not be relieved of its<sup>.</sup> discovery obligations; performance under those obligations would be merely postponed. No one has suggested the discovery would not eventually be necessary in any event; hence, no undue burden or expense would be avoided by granting the instant motion for a protective order.

Therefore, Cities oppose PG&E's motion and urge that it be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the JOINT RESPONSE BY NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY AND THE CITIES OF ANAHEIM AND RIVERSIDE OPPOSING PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER REGARDING PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS in the above-captioned proceeding have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, this 28th day of May, 1981.

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