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In the Matter of
PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY
(Stanislaus Nuclear Project, Unit No. 1)
Docket No. P-564A



Dear Administrative Judges:

This letter is being written by the Staff in connection with the Motion for Protective Order Regarding Production of Documents filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) on July 6, 1981. In that Motion, PG&E asked the Board to stay discovery pending the final disposition of the Joint Motion by NRC Staff and PG&E for the Suspension of Discovery (Joint Motion). On July 13, 1981, subsequent to the filing of PG&E's Motion for Protective Order, the Licensing Board denied PG&E's earlier Request for Certification to the Appeal Board of the issue of the suspension of discovery requested in the Joint Motion.

Because of the limited role to be taken by the Staff in this proceeding, the Staff does not intend to file a pleading setting forth a position on the discovery issues raised by PG&E's Motion for a Protective Order.

Sincerely,

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