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San Luis Obispo, California

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The above-entitled matter came on for public
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- FREDERICK J. SHON
- CHARLES BECHHOEFER
- ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES

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P R O C E E D I N G S

[7:19 p.m.]

JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

We are here this evening to hear statements from members of the public concerning the application that is before us, which, in essence, would extend the operating life of the operative license of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plants from between twelve and fifteen years to conform the plant with the practice of the NRC of issuing licenses for a full forty years, and the original Diablo Canyon Licenses were measured from the time of the construction permits, so they were twelve to fifteen years shorter than they otherwise would be.

We have been holding a prehearing conference all day concerning various issues that the Mothers for Peace have sought to raise. Now we are going to listen to statements by members of the public. While these statements are not evidence, as such, we may ask the parties to take certain things into account that are not otherwise, or have not otherwise been considered or raised by the parties themselves.

There are quite a few people here. Normally we limit our oral statements to about five minutes a piece, and we would urge people to keep their statements within that

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1 limit or less, if possible, because there are quite a few.
2 We do plan to come back at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow in the same
3 place here to hear further statements to the extent that we
4 don't finish tonight. The building management wants us to
5 get out of here by no later than 9:30, and I don't know what
6 the general practice is, but we don't think we should stay
7 much later than that tonight. We scheduled it until nine
8 o'clock, but we could perhaps run a few minutes late.

9 With that, we have a number of lists of people,
10 and I will probably go from list to list --

11 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Excuse me, I don't know if
12 you were told, but the person in charge of the building said
13 we can stay until at least midnight, if you were willing.

14 [Applause.]

15 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: I rise on a point of proper
16 procedure. Many of us have come from quite a distance out
17 of town, and there are some people from Los Angeles, et
18 cetera, and some of us will not be able to be here tomorrow.

19 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: I would ask those people to
20 identify themselves, and we certainly will call upon them
21 early on this evening.

22 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: I wonder if that is fair to
23 the local people, or what do the people want to do?

24 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: We thought we would mix up the
25 groups of people, but certainly people who would not be able

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1 to come back tomorrow morning, I think, should be given a
2 chance tonight. As I say, we did not expect as many people
3 to show up.

4 [Applause.]

5 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: We would like to hear you all.

6 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: As I say, you are the one
7 who will make that decision, but the person in charge of the
8 building that I spoke to before said he would be willing to
9 stay until at least midnight, if the Chair was willing to
10 stay until then.

11 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: We may stay a little later than
12 we had planned, but we are not sure how late. We have been
13 going kind of all day ourselves, and we will have another
14 session tomorrow, but we would like to hear from people who
15 really can't come back tomorrow morning.

16 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Can we pass around a sheet
17 for the people who are outside who haven't been able to
18 sign-up?

19 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: I can start another sheet. We
20 will start another sheet.

21 To try to get some sort of order, we will call the
22 first person on the list who wrote in first, and that would
23 be Mr. Cordner Gibson, is he here?

24 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: What about the out-of-
25 towners, what is our procedure, Judge?

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1 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: I thought that the first person
2 on the first list that came in ought to be heard first, for
3 whatever that is worth.

4 I don't know who this person is, I don't even know
5 whether he is out of town or in town.

6 MR. GIBSON: My name is hard to pronounce, I am
7 sure. C-o-r-d-n-e-r, Cordner Gibson. Is that the name you
8 have on the list?

9 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Yes.

10 MR. GIBSON: We are all set.

11 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Proceed with your statement.

12 MR. GIBSON: The Mothers for Peace and those other
13 organizations that are against nuclear power are protesting
14 again, as you can see. We know what their issues are, we
15 heard them eight years before Diablo was licensed. We have
16 heard them over and over. The facts are that the operation
17 was delayed for fifteen years primarily because of the
18 protests of the Mothers for Peace and the other anti-
19 nuclear organizations.

20 [Applause.]

21 MR. GIBSON: The issues they bring again are not
22 new. It is a safe plant that is being safely operated. The
23 ratepayers deserve to have Diablo operate for the full forty
24 years.

25 To assure the plant is operated safely, a Diablo

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1 Canyon Independent Safety Committee was established as an
2 oversight committee. They have held seven meetings in San
3 Luis Obispo. Unfortunately, the Mothers for Peace have
4 elected not to attend those meetings, but I certainly would
5 urge their participation.

6 This committee has made some changes in the
7 plants, and feel that the plant is operating in a very safe
8 manner. In fact, as you already know, I am sure, the
9 Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Senior Managers have placed
10 the Diablo Canyon in the top four of the safest plants in
11 the United States.

12 I don't understand really why these groups are so
13 anti-nuclear. While they are still fighting with PG&E, the
14 plant is well-maintained, it receives a tune-up every
15 eighteen months, just like your car, all parts are checked,
16 complete maintenance is done, and whatever needs replacing
17 is replaced. Instead of fighting all the time with PG&E, I
18 wish these groups would put some energy into working with
19 PG&E to support other energy efficient ways to generate
20 electricity.

21 Closing the plant down is not a viable answer, it
22 would be a major negative economic impact on San Luis Obispo
23 County. It would be a loss of some job opportunities, a
24 thousand people work at that plant regularly, and when they
25 are refueling, they have 3,000 jobs and 3,000 people. The

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1 major loss would be as a tax resource. Property and related
2 taxes amount to some \$60 million that this plant produces,
3 and San Luis Obispo County receives 25 percent of the taxes
4 collected. If this plant were to close, it would certainly
5 be a catastrophic loss to this county.

6 Our CAE Chapter, Citizens for Adequate Energy,
7 supposes PG&E's request that the Diablo Canyon operating
8 license expiration dates be changed for Unit 1 from April
9 23rd, 2008, to September 22, 2021, and Unit 2 from December
10 9, 2010, to April 26, 2025.

11 Thank you.

12 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: The next person I will call --
13 not everybody is listed where they are from on the list
14 here, but Judith Evered from Santa Barbara. Is that far
15 enough out of town to count?

16 Step up and make your statement.

17 MS. EVERED: I am Judith Evered from Santa
18 Barbara.

19 Of course, a nuclear power plant is a little more
20 complicated than an automobile, and I would really strongly
21 urge the panel to decide on a full hearing regarding the
22 licensing of Diablo Canyon because the latest U.S.
23 Geological Survey has shown that the earthquake fault near
24 the plant is a lot more dangerous than previously thought.
25 That it is a thrust fault and not a slip-shift one. On that

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1 basis, I think the plant should be fully reinvestigated.

2 The fact, too, that they waste management and
3 disposal has not been perfected, that it has not been
4 finally settled that it can go to Nevada, nobody wants it.

5 In 1957, there was a terrible accident in Russia,
6 and nobody really knows what happened except that it was at
7 a waste disposal place because they kept doubling it up and
8 it overheated, so the storage on-site is not a good idea.
9 It doubles the danger, and that connected, too, with the
10 earthquake fault is a very frightening thing to a lot of
11 people in this area and all the way down to Los Angeles and
12 up to San Francisco.

13 The controversy over the thermolag has not been
14 settled, and I think the NRC concerns over that matter
15 should be shared with the public as well as the solutions.
16 We need to know, and this is one more important reason why
17 this should not be the last hearing.

18 Many improvements were made because of the
19 protesters in 1980 and '81. I was part of that protest, and
20 I was told by workers at the plant that because of the
21 protest the plant was made much more safe, that shaky wells
22 were found and corrected. Therefore, I strongly urge that
23 you do investigative work on things like the poisons that
24 have been put into the ocean, the mercury, whether it is in
25 the food chain that people are eating now, whether the

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1 arsenic and cadmium, and the other ocean dumping has harmed
2 the sealife there, and also whether the heat from the plant
3 is ruining the marine life. We need to know these things.

4 The other thing is that around the plants in the
5 East, like Shippingport and Mill Hill, there is an increase
6 of cancer the closer to the plant you get. So we need those
7 figures in this area. We need to know if cancer has
8 increased closer to the plant or further away.

9 So there is a new climate of openness coming with
10 the new Administration, and I think that would suit very
11 well this process whereby everything is shared with the
12 public, PG&E, NRC and the public get together for consensus,
13 and to sort out the problems, because economically it will
14 be more feasible to know what you are going to do with the
15 plant when it finishes, to count that cost in with the cost
16 of the electricity now. It is not cheap power. It is
17 really expensive.

18 I think that with all these points, you are bound
19 to get satisfaction for the common good to have a proper
20 hearing.

21 Thank you.

22 [Applause.]

23 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: We were trying to figure out
24 which ones were out of town, and which ones weren't.

25 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: If the person called on to

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1 speak is local and can come back tomorrow, that person my
2 pass.

3 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Let's try that.

4 The next one is Eric Greening.

5 [Applause.]

6 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Could you call three names
7 at once, so that we could kind of move it along a little
8 faster?

9 MR. GREENING: I would suggest that because of the
10 size of the room, it gives other people time to get lined up
11 behind the podium, actually get through the crowd and out
12 here.

13 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: I will call Eric, and then I
14 will call Doug Otis, and then I will call Tom Maxwell.

15 This is sort of arbitrary, but I am taking off of
16 different lists that filed at different times, so those are
17 the next three.

18 MR. GREENING: I am Eric Greening of Life on
19 Planet Earth in Atascadero.

20 I would like to speak to the Mothers contention on
21 emergency planning and earthquake concerns, and add my own
22 concerns that you probably haven't heard.

23 It is my contention, based on new information,
24 that the continued operation of Diablo Canyon will make any
25 earthquake in this area far more lethal than it needs to be,

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1 even if no radiation escapes from the plant. I recommend
2 that you read an article by Stewart Brand in the Autumn 1990
3 issue of The Whole Earth Review, it is called Learning from
4 the Earthquake. That is the 1990 Autumn 1990 issue of The
5 Whole Earth Review.

6 He happened to be in the Mission District of San
7 Francisco at the time of the Loma Praeda Earthquake, and
8 participated in the rescue effort to save people trapped in
9 collapsed buildings. What he learned was that for the first
10 hour or two after the quake emergency response is largely in
11 the hands of neighborhood residents, and that as police,
12 fire and paramedic services arrive in the area, they don't
13 so much take charge as supplement with their expertise and
14 equipment the citizen response that has already organized.

15 He also learned to assume that any collapsed
16 building had living people trapped in it, people who could
17 be rescued if citizens made the effort to search, and
18 citizens did make the effort. The competence and caring of
19 neighbors makes for truly a heartwarming story. The
20 response of the citizens of West Oakland was even more
21 heartwarming as they collected tools and went to the rescue,
22 not of neighbors, but of people who just happened to be
23 passing through on the freeway that blighted their
24 neighborhood.

25 These are stories unlikely to be repeated here as

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1 long as Diablo Canyon operates. In the event of a major
2 earthquake, the fear of radiation is likely to override
3 life-saving neighborliness, whether the sirens are going or
4 not, whether radiation releases are reported as occurring,
5 possible, or nonexistent, citizens here know that radiation
6 is invisible, and they are used to deception and false
7 reassurance. How many people will linger to search for
8 trapped neighbors when the first thought on everyone's mind
9 will be evacuation.

10 Of course, if evacuation is ordered in the
11 aftermath of an earthquake, whether based on escaping
12 radiation or only the possibility thereof, that evacuation
13 will have a serious price in deaths, to the extent that
14 citizens and public safety personnel are diverted from
15 searching for the trapped.

16 Another concern about evacuation, current plans
17 are premised on the assumption that most people have private
18 cars at their disposal. For the early decades of the 21st
19 Century, that assumption cannot be made. One reason is
20 demographic, elders are likely to make up a much larger
21 percentage of the population than they do at present, and
22 many elders give up driving.

23 Another reason has to do with the mandates of the
24 Clean Air Plan, as well as the various economic and
25 ecological trends that are likely, by the next century, to

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1 have brought about a modal shift from the private car toward
2 walking, bicycling and public transit. Such a shift will
3 save lives from auto accidents and respiratory problems, but
4 how many lives will it cost if an evacuation is necessary
5 and many citizens are unable to evacuate themselves.

6 For these reasons, and given that our
7 understanding of the geological underpinning of California
8 has been undergoing rapid evolution every since the Coalinga
9 Quake surprised everyone by occurring on a fault that shows
10 no surface manifestation, given that previously unknown
11 faults are still being discovered even in such well examined
12 areas as downtown Los Angeles, given that our understanding
13 of the behavior of known faults is also changing rapidly,
14 given that we cannot anticipate the geological knowledge
15 that will be available after the turn of the century, it is
16 extremely premature to lock in a time extension that could
17 endanger our descendants.

18 Thank you.

19 [Applause.]

20 MR. OTIS: Hello. My name is Doug Otis. I am an
21 L.A. dropout and a San Luis Obispo dropin.

22 I spent about three years working as the head of
23 engineering in a disk drive company, and I learned a lot
24 about shelf life of components. I am speaking to the idea
25 that components do fail even by sitting on the shelf. We

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1 have seen a lot of metal mass migration in electronic
2 components, screwed terminal electrolysis of dissimilar
3 metals, metal crystallization.

4 One classic example is, we became ambitious and
5 ordered a vast quantity of disks. We stored them in a Class
6 100 Clean Room. The air in it was temperature controlled
7 and humidity controlled, and we found that our failure rate
8 was determined by the point of purchase, not by the
9 operating time of the disks.

10 We also discovered that microprocessors failed at
11 almost a preset interval, which indicated it didn't really
12 matter how long the processor was used, simply it mattered
13 how long had it been since it was made.

14 Owing to the fact that there is a set limit in the
15 license that says at 40 years you want to stop granting
16 operating permits, it says that there is a predetermined
17 point in time where it is no longer safe to continue
18 operating without reevaluating the operation conditions of
19 the plant.

20 I would suggest that a serious consideration
21 should be made as to the shelf life of these components, and
22 that a serious engineering undertaking be made to make sure
23 that the failure rates of those components don't increase
24 toward the end of this operation period.

25 We have seen that airplanes fail with simultaneous

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1 engine failures towards the end of their service life, which
2 indicates that the risks are not a constant that every year
3 is not the same as the first.

4 In talking to another point, I talked to PG&E
5 about a year-and-a-half ago. I spoke to a fellow named Joe
6 Ionucci at their research and development, and asked him
7 what other research are they doing on alternative energies,
8 and specifically asked him about solar-thermal. He said
9 that they weren't interested in that. It wasn't a sexy
10 technology, and he likened it to kissing his sister.

11 I talked to Sandia National Laboratories and I
12 have information from the California Energy Commission that
13 shows that those technologies today will provide energy at
14 less cost than we are now paying Diablo.

15 Effectively, by continuing nuclear power, you are
16 preventing these new technologies from being born.
17 Originally, your need or your service to the United States
18 was to bring an infant technology into being, but I think
19 really now your job is to put it to bed and allow these new
20 technologies to occur.

21 [Applause.]

22 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Mr. Maxwell, who I mentioned
23 earlier, is he here, Tom Maxwell?

24 [No response.]

25 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Walter Schroeder, and after you

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1 the next one I will call will be Justin Grunewald, so he can
2 prepare to come up after you.

3 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, my name is Walter P.
4 Schroeder, Coordinator for the Citizens for Adequate Energy,
5 a local organization of 335 dues paying members.

6 Gentlemen, three points are presented for your
7 consideration. Eleven hundred Diablo Canyon power plant
8 employees live in San Luis Obispo County, their families are
9 here, they are part of this community. They care about San
10 Luis Obispo County. They are as committed to keeping the
11 plant safe as all the rest of us. Many of these people are
12 known to me, and they are the best in their fields, highly
13 trained, highly educated, and highly committed. I trust
14 them to keep the plant in a safe operating condition, and to
15 know, if conditions need repair, then fix them. If highly
16 competent employees are not enough, the NRC has two
17 responsible experts on-site to see that Diablo Canyon is
18 operated safely.

19 The second point, the NRC is a function of the
20 United States Government. The NRC is required to know the
21 problems and make judgments on the behalf of all of us.
22 Safety is number one in these judgments. The NRC has vast
23 resources at its disposal to make sound decisions. The NRC
24 has an excellent record for being responsible to our
25 society.

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1 The third point, the NRC has authorized more than
2 50 nuclear power plants in the United States to extend the
3 maturity of their operating licenses with no fuss. Diablo
4 Canyon, with its long operating record, deserves the
5 authorization to operate Unit 1 until September 22, 2021,
6 and Unit 2 until April 26, 2025, to equal the original 40
7 year licensing period.

8 Our group, the Citizens for Adequate Energy,
9 supports PG&E's request to extend the license.

10 Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

11 [Applause.]

12 MR. GRUNEWALD: Hi there. My name is Justin
13 Grunewald. I am a high school student in Morro Bay.

14 As a high school student, I don't really have an
15 credentials for this except that I have been wearing a gas
16 mask all day, and I can say it is not pleasant. I don't
17 want to have to do it for the rest of my life, and I have
18 two little brothers, and I don't want to see them doing it
19 for the rest of their lives.

20 Also, I have been going to seminars the last
21 couple of nights, and most of the information I have here
22 comes from one of those seminars where a woman named Jan
23 Kirsch spoke from Physicians for Social Responsibility, and
24 I think I could say that she was the fastest speaker I have
25 ever heard in my life, right on top of everything.

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1 Everything she said was an incredible joke, or all the
2 questions, none of them seemed to phase her, and she took
3 one look at the figures for the amount of radiation
4 routinely released from Diablo Canyon, and what she said
5 isn't fit to say here, but afterwards she spent about five
6 minutes leaning back in her chair shaking her head, just
7 numb.

8 I can't imagine anything but shutting Diablo down
9 for really truly being responsible to the people of this
10 area, but I think that the one question that comes to my
11 mind when I see the fact that they are trying to extend the
12 license 15 years without even having a hearing is, what
13 happened to democracy.

14 I would like to close on another of Jan Kirsch's
15 wonderful words, and that is "No more radiation without
16 representation."

17 Thank you.

18 [Applause.]

19 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Next I will call on Bruce
20 Campbell, and following that I will call on somebody called
21 Rita Comp, so we can be prepared.

22 MR. CAMPBELL: My name is Bruce Campbell from Los
23 Angeles.

24 Probably a number of you have noticed an upsurge
25 in seismic activity in California lately, have you, and, in

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1 fact, on the whole Pacific Rim.

2 Anyway, let's go back to October 15th, 1979, there
3 was an earthquake in Imperial Valley, I think it was about a
4 6.6 quake, and it had unusual readings of vertical ground
5 acceleration and a seismic focusing effect such that the
6 Nuclear Regulatory Commission decided to have hearings of
7 the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeals Board at the Vets
8 Memorial Building, and some of us camped out at those
9 proceedings, and caught every word of them.

10 Even though it was somewhat of a stacked
11 proceeding with the pronuclear witnesses having like six or
12 seven witness, and a couple of the intervenors, including
13 Dr. Brune of San Diego, but also Drs. Luko and Trifunak of
14 the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, they testified
15 that if there was a similar seismic focusing effect at
16 Diablo Canyon and a 7.5 quake a few miles offshore that
17 there is no way they could testify that the reactors could
18 withstand the shock.

19 So they go through the procedure of allegedly
20 listening to us, and then, a month before the seismic
21 decision was issued by the ASLAD, Chairman Salzman got
22 appointed to a Federal Judgeship by Ronald Reagan, not
23 exactly an anti-nuclear president.

24 I contend that that hearing was stacked, and that
25 there was a scandalous decision coming out of it because, if

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1 Chairman Salzman was unbiased before, which I doubt, he
2 certainly wasn't unbiased once Reagan appointed him. So,
3 thus, those are two great reasons for a thorough seismic
4 investigation now, and a shutdown in the meantime.

5 Also, because the construction began so long ago,
6 of course, with faulty design, and contractors cutting
7 corners, and things, it was virtually antiquated by the time
8 they began operating, so, obviously, this dream of assuming
9 moderate to major seismic activity and the perfect machine
10 is obviously ridiculous.

11 Also, Westinghouse, I have an article here on
12 their major problems up at the Trojan nuke in Oregon, and
13 they had a recent radioactive steam leak, and the NRC even
14 granted them a waiver to operate with too many leaky steam
15 generator tubes because there was a ballot measure to shut
16 it down up there, and they didn't want to. Then they acted
17 like, we will phase it out by '96, like that was a
18 compromise, but they are operating virtually illegally.

19 Westinghouse steam generator problems are
20 inherent, how can you know what will -- they should be
21 checked immediately. How can you conclude how the steam
22 generators will be in the year 2007, or 2020. It is
23 preposterous.

24 Then also, Diablo rates are arranged so that PG&E
25 will keep running it, keep running it, even if they should

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1 shut it down for a problem, so the rates should be
2 reshuffled so that PC&E considers safety first.

3 Obviously, it is the Atomic Safety and Licensing
4 Board, and they consider licensing. I think safety is sort
5 of in the backpocket, if that. They are promoting the
6 industry.

7 Also, remember the Sandia Lab study back in '82 of
8 the reactor accident consequences, a computer simulated
9 study, and they refused to release the worst case reactor
10 accident consequences, but Congressman Markey in
11 Massachusetts got a hold of them, and this is pretty close
12 to them. For Diablo, I believe it said that in a worst case
13 accident with the worst case of weather patterns that 13,500
14 people could die in the first year, about 16,000 or 18,000
15 eventual cancer deaths, and I believe it is \$152 to \$158
16 billion in property damage.

17 If people act like they are concerned about a
18 thousand people out at the nuke, you are not concerned about
19 them, they are getting poisoned, and their genetic future.
20 It is strange that San Luis County is constructing, in the
21 five cities area, the most downwind you can get from the
22 nuke.

23 For all these reasons, Diablo Canyon should be
24 closed now, have immediate seismic investigation, and don't
25 even consider a ridiculous extension. Like, if they granted

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1 all these extensions with no fuss, obviously it is a stacked
2 deck, they are not considering -- there are not generic
3 reactors in this country, they are all individuals, and,
4 obviously, they could care less about any individual reactor,
5 they just want to help that industry out.

6 So let's shut Diablo Canyon down now and have an
7 immediate seismic investigation.

8 Thank you.

9 [Applause.]

10 MS. COMP: Good evening. I am Rita Comp. I am a
11 retired teacher, and a grandmother, and a freelance writer.

12 I would like to show the people who have inquired
13 about getting the cancer statistics for tricounties. This
14 is the booklet. You may all call the Cancer Tumor Registry
15 tomorrow, if you wish. Here is the phone number: 805) 681-
16 5136.

17 This is the cancer rate for a three-year period:
18 Lung cancer, which is the highest rate of all cancers that
19 we have experienced in San Luis Obispo County, CTR Report
20 indicates SLO County lung cancer had dropped by 16 cases
21 from 170 cases reported in 1988. That is 30 percent above
22 the State average in 1988. It dropped to 154 cases in 1989.
23 The lung cancer preliminary report for 1990 reveals another
24 increase of 13 cases. This news brought little assurance to
25 residents hoping for a consistent substantial drop since the

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1 1988 data disclosed tricounties region leading the State
2 with the highest lung and breast cancer rates. We are the
3 downwind tricounties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and
4 Ventura.

5 Dr. Jan Kirsch had this to say last night: "I
6 would like to invite PG&E, the missing members of our
7 debate, to make the rounds of my clinic so that they can get
8 a gut feeling of what they are creating, and to answer the
9 question, is the tradeoff of cancer worth the power which is
10 quite expensive, the electric power."

11 She also said, when handed a sheet of paper that
12 had the information in 1990 when seven Curies of radiation
13 were released within a three-month period, she said, "Holy
14 shit, that is a lot of radiation." I bet you have heard
15 worse at Diablo. I know in the classroom I have heard
16 worse. This is of holy emphasis, and I hope that it is
17 heard soundly throughout the tricounties region.

18 We are seeing our friends die. I have lost a
19 friend from lung cancer last year, and there are three now
20 near death. I have talked with a woman at the Nazarene
21 Church in San Luis Obispo who said, "We are getting afraid
22 to look at each other, nearly all of us have cancer and we
23 are wondering who is going to be next."

24 We are talking about murdering people. You are
25 murdering our young children. I have taught these children

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1 many years, and I don't believe that we fully understand
2 what a human being is. A child is a multidimensional
3 powerhouse of abilities and talents, not to be exploited and
4 destroyed by madmen, and what you do to our sacred planet
5 earth you must know will return to you.

6 Do you think all of this is happening unwatched
7 and unrecorded. Even USA Today had an article on Say Hello
8 To Your Guardian. There are guardian angels changing tires
9 for people and making beds for them. The angels are around,
10 my friends, and they know what is coming down.

11 Please, I implore you to rethink this. USA Today
12 had not gone bonkers. There is also an excellent program on
13 Saturday night called Miracles and Other Wonders, they are
14 happening all over this nation. Let us tune into this, and
15 thank the Goddess that they are returning.

16 I am sorry. I do not wish to take more of your
17 valuable time. I love you, Goddess.

18 [Applause.]

19 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Next will be John Donovan and
20 after that Bill Gerst.

21 MR. GERST: My name is Bill Gerst. I am from the
22 Paso Robles area, Alhambra and Pacifica. I am a farmer. I
23 use PG&E power, and Canada, once and a while, when it goes
24 out.

25 Irregardless, I give the Mothers for Peace credit

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1 for their works that they have done in the past, and they
2 have done some good, and I will never deny that a bit, and
3 anybody else in this room.

4 But we have to have power, and PG&E has been able
5 to supply it with the Diablo plant. Thank goodness it has
6 been there these last few years that have been dry as far as
7 urban waters are concerned coming out of the dams in the
8 Sierras and such. If it had not been for Diablo, I forget
9 what the percentage is that they do supply with Diablo, but
10 it is a high percentage with regard to the plant.

11 Actually, we do have a need for water, and the
12 only way we are going to get it is through the dams and, of
13 course, if the dams don't provide power, like they haven't
14 been for a few years, we are going to have to rely upon
15 nuclear power, or something that is clean such as it is.

16 I realize what the people are saying behind me,
17 and their concerns, and I give them their full due, but for
18 now let's get the extension of this thing going so that we
19 can keep the power going. We don't have any more big dams
20 that are going to go into the system, that is for sure,
21 because they are not going to be allowed to go on to the
22 waters any more, probably.

23 So, thank you gentlemen. I am glad you came to
24 San Luis Obispo to give us an opportunity to speak.

25 [Applause.]

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1 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Frank Drake, and then after
2 that a Harvey Wasserman.

3 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: I am reading a prepared
4 statement by Frank Drake, who is retired from PG&E, and was
5 also the San Luis Obispo City Chamber of Commerce Citizen of
6 the Year last year. Mr. Drake apologizes for not being able
7 to be here, but he is on a community service project in
8 Morro Bay.

9 Members of the Board, please consider the
10 contributions made by Pacific Gas and Electric and its
11 employees to the well-being of this community. Please note
12 that PG&E has been a good neighbor in every sense of the
13 word. Be aware of the positive values which PG&E has
14 enhanced in San Luis Obispo and the neighboring areas.
15 Pacific Gas and Electric has been a leader in funding for a
16 multitude of worthwhile organizations and causes, both
17 directly by corporate donations, and indirectly by
18 supporting the efforts of its employees to better the
19 community.

20 To my knowledge, organizations such as United Way,
21 Hotline, Hospice, Special Olympics, AdCare, the San Luis
22 Obispo Children's Museum, Achievement House, the Women's
23 Shelter and Rape Crisis, only to name a few, have been major
24 beneficiaries of PG&E and its employees, and the schools.

25 There are those in the community that have

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1 expressed that the company's efforts to do good are
2 motivated by guilt, or are cheap attempts to buy goodwill.
3 If this were the case, the simple action of throwing some
4 dollars at a token number of community needs would suffice.
5 Instead, PG&E and its employees have actively sought
6 participation in every positive aspect of community life.

7 Among the instances that I can cite in which PG&E
8 and its employees have responded to acute community needs is
9 the Highlight Organization. Highlight provides the
10 community with 24-hour telephone crisis intervention,
11 information and referral, senior services, and acts as an
12 afterhours answering service for many crisis agencies.

13 Highlight's principal source of revenue, as we all
14 know, is through the Highlight Bowl-a-thon, which bowlers
15 obtain pledged amounts from friends and associates based on
16 their bowling scores. PG&E is a major source of support in
17 this fundraising effort. Management, employees, and other
18 workers give freely of their time and money to this event
19 which, by the way, has raised over a quarter of a million
20 dollars in the last two years.

21 Pacific Gas and Electric and its employees have
22 been making contributions to the United Way campaign. PG&E,
23 itself, funds such as activities as the San Luis Obispo
24 Symphony and other community betterment activities, such as
25 the Children's Museum.

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1 Many PG&E employees use vacation days to assist at
2 the annual Special Olympics meet which has close to 500
3 special participants. The employees are permanent
4 fundraisers for the barbecue which raises over \$8,000
5 annually. We have stressed the contributions of the PG&E
6 employees, those who, of their own freewill, assist in
7 bettering the conditions in this community, but not for the
8 company. Corporate policy supporting employees' causes is
9 shown by gifts of supplemental aide such as donating
10 computers, and in many cases seed funding, and underwriting
11 for nonprofit organizations and agencies.

12 Please bear in mind that these contributions have
13 been made by the shareholders, not by the ratepayers. It has
14 been a privilege for me to acknowledge PG&E's community
15 services based on my personal knowledge and observation, and
16 to assure you of the sincerity and the efficacy of PG&E
17 actions.

18 Thank you very much.

19 [Applause.]

20 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Mr. Wasserman.

21 MR. WASSERMAN: I am Harvey Wasserman.

22 [Applause.]

23 MR. WASSERMAN: I am the Senior Advisor to the
24 Greenpeace Nuclear Power Campaign. Greenpeace, nationally,
25 has more than 1.4 million dues paying members, more than 4

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1 million worldwide. I have been working on nuclear power
2 issues since 1973. That is almost 20 years, and I have four
3 children and I am speaking on behalf of them.

4 First of all, I want to compliment on the three
5 Judges here with all sincerity. I have been working on this
6 issue for 20 years, and I have never seen a panel of judges
7 behave more responsibly, more respectfully, either to
8 intervenors or to the public, from the Nuclear Regulatory
9 Commission or from the Atomic Energy Commission, and we
10 thank you for your courtesy, and we trust that will
11 translate into a proper judgment on the issue at hand.

12 I also want to compliment the PG&E lawyers, you
13 are very slick, and I certainly you are paid by the
14 shareholders, and not the ratepayers.

15 I also want to say a word, I don't engage in
16 personal attacks, but I am deeply disturbed by the presence
17 of attorneys and other staff from the Nuclear Regulatory
18 Commission's staff arguing in favor of Pacific Gas and
19 Electric here. This is unconscionable that you are here
20 acting as an advocate for the utility on taxpayer money.

21 The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, from the very
22 start, has acted as an advocate for the utilities that they
23 are supposed to regulate. It is unconscionable, and
24 particularly some of your attitudes towards the intervenors
25 on a personal level today, which I watched during the

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1 hearings, was absolutely unacceptable.

2 We have a new Administration in Washington, and
3 hopefully we will successfully be able to go after some of
4 your jobs in the future, because you have no right being
5 here, acting like that towards citizen intervenors who pay
6 your salaries to regulate the utility that you have come
7 here to advocate for. That is not acceptable behavior in a
8 democratic society.

9 Today I listened to most of the testimony in the
10 afternoon. I heard, among other things, on the legal side
11 that the PG&E lawyers continually refer to the remedy that
12 we would have in the future, or allegedly have in the future
13 of a 2.206 process. I think everyone here should be well
14 aware that the 2.206 process, which is essentially the
15 temporary restraining order process under the Atomic Energy
16 Act within the NRC process is, we have, as citizens,
17 citizens groups, have filed more than 80 2.206s over the
18 course of its existence, as far as we know. We did a survey
19 not long ago, it was about 86, but I think more have been
20 filed, and I think you are all well aware, those of you who
21 are familiar with NRC processes, how many of those 2.206s
22 have actually been granted. To my knowledge, it is none.
23 You may know one or two. I have never heard of a 2.206
24 being granted.

25 Until 2.206s start being granted, I don't think it

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1 is admissible that any judicial panel can count the 2.206 as
2 a viable remedy for any challenge to NRC regulation or
3 procedure. The 2.206, basically, to coin a phrase, is a
4 joke. We have no recourse within the NRC process, if the
5 2.206 is our last court of hearing. So I hope that, in your
6 deliberations, you will not count the 2.206 as a viable
7 process because it is not.

8 There are also innumerable technical questions
9 that have yet to be answered about the current operation of
10 Diablo Canyon, let alone the future operation. We have
11 operated for a number of years under the presumptions under
12 the license, the operating license, that thermolag, which is
13 in upwards of 80 plants in this country, was a workable fire
14 protection system. This plant was licensed with the idea
15 that thermolag would work, or something of its equivalent
16 would work.

17 Now, all of a sudden, we have this new invention
18 called Fire Patrols, where staff of the plant is essentially
19 running around with fire extinguishers watching for fires.
20 We heard today, as admitted by the PG&E staff, that they
21 missed some of these patrols. Is this reassuring?

22 How many of these issues -- when will the
23 thermolag issue be satisfactorily resolved, and will it come
24 into play in the future extension of this license, are we
25 looking at another few decades of PG&E staff running around

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1 Diablo Canyon with fire extinguishers?

2 How much is allocated for running shoes in the
3 PG&E budget?

4 This is not a viable fire protection system, and
5 it is certainly not allowable under the license, and should
6 not be allowed in the future, and certainly should not be
7 allowed as a -- really, with the failure of thermolag, all
8 those plants with thermolag in them should be shutdown under
9 the technicalities of the licensing procedures, and
10 certainly no plant with thermolag should be granted a
11 license extension.

12 We also have had new information come out just in
13 recent months on the evacuation situation. We know that the
14 Turkey Point, the second best named nuclear plant in the
15 country, the plant in South Florida, was hit directly by
16 Hurricane Andrew. We understand -- I have been down there.
17 I have done a view of the place there, there is absolutely
18 positively no possibility that the Turkey Point area
19 downwinders could have been evacuated in the midst of the
20 hurricane.

21 As you are probably aware, the Federal Emergency
22 Management Agency asked that the reopening of Turkey Point
23 be delayed until the evacuation plan could be restudied in
24 the wake of the hurricane, and the hurricane was different
25 rom the potential earthquake here in that there was warning,

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1 and they were able, almost, they didn't quite make it, to
2 get the plant down into hot shutdown before the hurricane
3 actually hit.

4 As you are well aware, we would have no such
5 warning here, and I urge you very strongly to look very
6 closely at what happened at Turkey Point, look at the FEMA
7 documents, look at the evacuation planning before the
8 hurricane in relation to after it, and see how that relates
9 to Diablo Canyon because we have had an incident now of a
10 major natural disaster hitting a nuclear power plant, and
11 the evidence is not reassuring in terms of evacuation.

12 We also now, to get down to the real business
13 here, we are seeing a utility company asking prematurely for
14 a license extension deep into the next century, and they
15 have come up with this phrase "recapture," they want to
16 recapture the years that we in the anti-nuclear movement
17 allegedly cost them by forcing them to look at the safety
18 issues of this plant.

19 One thing I would like to ask, and you should
20 certainly consider it in your deliberations, are they also
21 trying to recapture the year that they lost because they
22 built this plant with blueprints that they read wrong?

23 [Applause.]

24 MR. WASSERMAN: As you will recall, just prior to
25 the opening of this nuclear power plant in the early '80s,

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1 someone discovered that they had read the blueprints wrong,
2 and it took them a year or more to figure out what to do
3 about it. Is this part of the recapture, are we to blame
4 for their loss of a year because they couldn't read their
5 own blueprints, and certainly are we to be reassured by the
6 fact that they built this plant with an inability to read
7 these blue prints.

8 We also know that these plants, the Westinghouse
9 plants, are suffering serious problems with steam
10 generators. We haven't gotten to the bottom of it yet, and
11 we are going to be finding out more and more about these
12 breakdowns. As we also know, plants that have been
13 approaching 20 years of age, in other words, half as long,
14 operating half as long as they want to operate Diablo
15 Canyon, are now shutting down pretty much of their own
16 volition, or their own accord because they are not holding
17 up to the stresses of radiation exposure over the long-
18 term.

19 I cite you the Trojan Plant in Oregon, whose
20 owners, the other PG&E, Portland Gas and Electric, have not
21 admitted that they will shut before 1996. Fort St. Vrain in
22 Colorado, which is caused through a different manufacturer,
23 but it has shutdown. San Onofre Unit 1, which went down by
24 the own volition of its owners last month, within the last
25 couple of weeks, and, of course, Yankee Rowe, which was the

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1 flagship of the plant life extension process, and has been
2 shut now by accord of the NRC staff, I might add, a welcome
3 exception to the general rule, because of the embrittlement
4 factor. How much of this is going to come into play as
5 Diablo Canyon approaches the critical 20-year operation
6 point. Hopefully it won't get that far, but if it does, let
7 alone the 40-year.

8 Finally, we also have the question of need, and
9 what PG&E in its arrogance is saying here is that deep into
10 the future there will be no replacement for nuclear power
11 and for Diablo Canyon. I suggest strongly that you look at
12 the developments in Sacramento. This article from the Los
13 Angeles Times about S. David Freeman, and I actually have
14 one coming out in the Los Angeles Times Syndicate as well.

15 The reality is that Diablo Canyon, right now, in
16 1992, is obsolete technology. It is technology that doesn't
17 pay.

18 [Applause.]

19 MR. WASSERMAN: In terms of need, there is no
20 justification based on increased efficiency and conservation
21 technologies which are coming in at one to three cents a
22 kilowatt hour, much, much cheaper than they can operate
23 Diablo Canyon, even without capitalization costs.

24 Renewable energy sources such as wind, tidal,
25 geothermal, photovoltaic and power tower technologies, among

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1 others, are also coming in much cheaper, certainly wind and
2 all the others, I am sure, will follow. What PG&E is saying
3 is that no matter how cheap it gets to generate electricity
4 from other sources, we are going to stick with this nuclear
5 plant, and you are stuck with it.

6 So, in conclusion, basically, thank you for being
7 so courteous. It is a welcome relief. Hopefully it signals
8 a new age at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I hope you
9 will go back to the staff and remind them of who you really
10 work for.

11 Thank you for coming, Judges, we appreciate it,
12 and please shut this plant as soon as possible.

13 [Applause.]

14 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: I will call next Jim Gall, and
15 then Randy Davis after that.

16 MR. GALL: Well, it is a pleasure to talk to all
17 of you. I would like to say a few nice things about PG&E,
18 and I just left the YMCA and there is about 22 kids playing
19 basketball on a court right now because of PG&E. There is
20 an exhibit at the Children's Museum because of PG&E.

21 I live on Terrace Hill, and there is a hill right
22 now defaced, I think, because of some of you out here that
23 put "No Nukes" on a hill that defaces the hills of San Luis
24 Obispo.

25 I really want to kind of also congratulate the

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1 Mothers for Peace, and the people that made nuclear power
2 safer than it would have been other than your commitments,
3 but also I want to encourage you to maybe do more. If you
4 could take some of your energy and put it into kids, and
5 senior citizens, and the mentally retarded more than you are
6 doing tonight against PG&E, it would be appreciated.

7 MR. DAVIS: My name is Randy Davis. I live at
8 1534 Osso Street. I am a native of this county, and there
9 are not too many of us around here.

10 I find the discussions about the good PR work that
11 PG&E does to be ludicrous at best. We don't send our
12 children out and whore them when our families are having
13 trouble making ends meet. It is not the responsibility of
14 PG&E to prop up the economy around here.

15 First of all, I would like to comment on the
16 statements released by the Council for Energy Awareness
17 which Rita had spoken about earlier. The article is
18 entitled The Gender Gap: Men, Women and Nuclear Energy.
19 This article posits that women are biased against the
20 nuclear industry because of their deeply held distrust of
21 science and technology. Evidently, this is because they are
22 not supposed to be able to follow the arguments that are
23 presented.

24 I believe that women's supposed distrust of
25 science and technology may be rooted in the fact that women

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1 have a much closer connection to life and death than any
2 number of PG&E's scientists and engineers have ever had. We
3 here in this community are fortunate to count the Mothers
4 for Peace and Kathy DePeri among our numbers.

5 [Applause.]

6 MR. DAVIS: I haven't seen a woman on these NRC
7 panels for a while, but I have to applaud the presence of
8 your three female -- it is obvious that NRC and PG&E have no
9 morals, just good PR.

10 In light of the recent report released by the
11 Cancer Tumor Registry which shows that the tricounties area
12 downwind of Diablo Nuclear Power Plant leads the State and
13 the nation with new highs in leukemia and mortality rates, I
14 believe that your panel has no choice but to deny the
15 license extension. Instead, they should begin an
16 investigation in how it is that PG&E spawn has put our
17 central coast on the map, unfortunately as a leukemia
18 hotbed. The NRC, by their actions up to this point in time,
19 anyway, share in this guilt.

20 I wish you could move beyond the legal jargon and
21 look at the reality, the bottom line is that there is no
22 safe way to dispose of all this waste, yet PG&E asks us to
23 continue to generate this waste which is going to poison our
24 earth for all our children to follow.

25 Evidently, you men do not live here, you don't

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1 play your golf at Diablo, and maybe you are not golfers, you
2 don't need to worry about your kids, or their kids, getting
3 more than a suntan at Avila or Pirates Cove or Pismo Beach.

4 This should not be a question of extending a
5 license, it should be a question of protecting the people
6 from the cancer causing precipitant that rains down upon
7 them. The people are more important than the profit margin
8 of a corporation.

9 [Applause.]

10 MR. DAVIS: We have seen great changes in the
11 world about us as of late, and this issue give you, the NRC
12 panel, and opportunity to help lead America in a responsible
13 future. We, the public, must not be made to pay for PG&E's
14 building from reversed plans, or lying even to this day
15 about the Hasgri Fault, or any of the other design errors.
16 Other criminals don't get extre time to abuse us once we
17 find the error of their ways, why should we allow PG&E to do
18 so.

19 I ask you to play your part in leading our country
20 into a new age where we become responsible, where morals and
21 common sense prevail over public relations and corporate
22 greed.

23 If, by chance, you abrogate your responsibility to
24 the innocent public, I propose that you also forego your
25 salaries, which I believe are probably paid by us, the

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1 people. I propose what you do is, you let PG&E give you
2 what you need to survive.

3 We ask you to protect us from that, and lead us
4 into a new future. What is happening out there is a sin,
5 and it is unpardonable acts of violence against all the
6 poison and its effects on future generations.

7 Thank you.

8 [Applause.]

9 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Frank Sheahan next, and then
10 Eileen Cavalier, if I am pronouncing it right.

11 MR. SHEAHAN: Hello, my name is Frank Sheahan, and
12 for the past 20 years I have lived in San Luis Obispo. In
13 fact, I live about a half a mile from here. Not in Los
14 Angeles, and not anywhere else, and I must be in the
15 minority because I do feel safe. I have raised a family
16 here, and I intend to live here for the rest of my life, and
17 I am not threatened by what is going on.

18 I do think that hearings such as this are
19 necessary in order to ensure safety, but I have worked and
20 seen and interacted with the PG&E people, and I have seen
21 their dedication and their professionalism, and their
22 concern for themselves, for their families, for their
23 neighbors, and everyone else that they are associated with,
24 and I really believe in their sincerity.

25 I will be very brief. I own KVEC Radio, which is

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1 a news talk station which is charged with being the
2 emergency broadcast system for San Luis Obispo County. For
3 those of you that are unaware, that isn't something that we
4 receive compensation for. In fact, it is an honor and a
5 privilege that we take very seriously in being responsible
6 to notify the community of any danger, particularly as it
7 pertains to Diablo Canyon.

8 We do tests periodically, and during the course of
9 the tests in working with the PG&E personnel, and with the
10 County Emergency System personnel, it is incredible to me
11 the concern that they have towards ensuring that every
12 possible avenue is addressed, and that is what leads me to
13 believe that we are correct in extending, or at least
14 proposing the extension of this Canyon, and this power
15 plant.

16 I understand it has been judged to be in the top
17 four safest in the country, and I believe in the people, and
18 I think that is what we have here, the people, and I will
19 say again, I feel safe.

20 Thank you very much.

21 [Applause.]

22 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: I called Eileen Cavalier, and
23 after that a William Miller.

24 MS. CAVALIER: Good evening, my name is Eileen
25 Cavalier, and I welcome the opportunity to be able to stand

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1 up and say in public that I want to have the opportunity to
2 have a hearing about the continued operation of Diablo
3 Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. I opposed the opening of the
4 power plant, and the things that I have heard since it has
5 been opened have only increased my concerns about living in
6 a community with a nuclear power plant this close.

7 I have been active in this community. I have
8 served on city advisory boards. I have helped start
9 different organizations that are currently operating in the
10 community, and I have an investment in living here, as I
11 think that there are a lot of people here that do.

12 One of my major concerns is about some of the
13 increasing evidence about what happens with low-level
14 radiation concerning our health. My understanding is that
15 there is new evidence that shows that continued doses of
16 low-level radiation, such as those that are released at a
17 nuclear power plant, pose more of a health risk than does a
18 high sudden dose, not in too high doses, obviously, but in
19 terms of the continued wear on membranes and tissues, and
20 this comes from the Dr. Jan who spoke, who is a member of
21 Physicians for Social Responsibility on current research
22 that is being done

23 I don't want to take up any more time, but I would
24 like this to be reviewed seriously in the consideration of
25 continuing the operation of the plant.

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1 Thank you.

2 [Applause.]

3 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: William Miller.

4 MR. MILLER: My name is William Miller, and I am a
5 resident of Santa Margarita.

6 I have spoken in front of this group -- excuse me
7 for being out of breath, I just came back from putting away
8 the PA equipment, we had a real nice rally down the street
9 just a little bit earlier.

10 [Applause.]

11 MR. MILLER: I work in the broadcast industry in
12 San Luis Obispo and have since 1980. I wrote a good portion
13 of the Emergency Broadcast System Plan as is now implemented
14 for San Luis Obispo County, and I speak at some peril to
15 myself here, and would like to preface this by saying that
16 the people in the County Office of Emergency Services have
17 done the best they can with the Emergency Broadcast System.

18 But, that being said, we do not now and have not
19 had a completed Emergency Broadcast System Plan since I
20 began working on the Emergency Broadcast System Plan in
21 approximately 1982. The Emergency Broadcast System Plan is
22 a key element in our evacuation plan here for manmade
23 potential hazards as well as natural disasters.

4 I have spoken in front of the NRC before, I have
25 spoken in front of Rusty Arias with the State Legislature

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1 when they examined earthquake preparedness after the Loma
2 Praeda Earthquake. For the record, I will give my phone
3 number and address, and I have in the past, and it seems
4 ironic to me that being involved in the Emergency Broadcast
5 System Plan, as I have, that I have failed to get on any
6 mailing list for the County Office of Emergency Services,
7 and the NRC nor Rusty Arias, nor anybody has called me to
8 ask to look into any of the complaints that I have about the
9 Emergency Broadcast Plan.

10 The County has contacted me, and we have met
11 briefly, and I have asked to be included in on-going
12 meetings on Emergency Broadcast System planning, and have
13 not yet received any notification of any on-going meetings.

14 The broadcast industry is such that there is no
15 money to be found in broadcast budgets to take care of
16 emergency planning. PG&E has introduced a modicum of money
17 that has gone for such things as a backup generators, and
18 other kinds of equipment that broadcast facilities find as a
19 luxury, but a generator in place does not constitute a plan.

20 As an example, the common program control source
21 has been changed. It used to be KVEC shared with KSLY. I
22 understand through the grapevine that the common program
23 control source, number one, the most important EVS Station,
24 that status has been awarded to another station without any
25 official notification.

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1 There are many other holes in the emergency
2 broadcast plan. There has been some work accomplished, but
3 it is like a chain, unless you have every link in place, you
4 do not have an Emergency Broadcast System. If you do not
5 have an Emergency Broadcast System, the whole evacuation
6 plan falls apart.

7 So with all due respect to those emergency
8 planners that have been working on it, with all due respect
9 to the broadcast industry, there is no money in the
10 broadcast industry, there is no compliance in the broadcast
11 industry.

12 My phone number is (805) 438-5600. My address is
13 P.O. Box 14244, San Luis Obispo 93406. The name again is
14 William Miller, and I will be pleasantly surprised if
15 anybody is interested in this and wants to follow through.

16 Thank you.

17 [Applause.]

18 JUDGE SHON: Are there still some people who
19 cannot possibly come back tomorrow who have signed up on the
20 sheet here?

21 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

22 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: We can stay all night
23 tonight. We work hard all day, just as you gentlemen do.
24 We can stay all night. I would like to speak.

25 [Applause.]

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1 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Just go through the list.

2 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: I was the fourth on the
3 list and I have not been called.

4 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Pardon?

5 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: I was the fourth on the
6 original list, and I have not been called yet.

7 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Well, I don't know which list
8 is the original, and which isn't. There were several lists
9 simultaneously.

10 MR. JOHNSTON: I was after William Miller on the
11 list when I signed my name up, so I will talk right now, and
12 you guys look at the list.

13 If you can't figure out how to list people in
14 order, how are you going to make this decision about Diablo
15 Canyon.

16 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: I tried to make it convenient
17 to sign-up.

18 Are you Mr. Johnston.

19 MR. JOHNSTON: I am Johnston, I am, and I am from
20 San Luis Obispo.

21 I would just like to say, in my background, I
22 spent 25 years working as a heavy construction worker, as an
23 ironworker in Arizona, Nevada and California. I worked at
24 Diablo a couple of times. I worked at the Helms Project, a
25 companion project four times. Big buildings, bridges, dams

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1 and power plants, that is mostly what we did.

2 When I was working out there, you know, they had
3 already put the thing together without taking into account
4 that the Hasgri earthquake fault was there, or that it
5 really needed to withstand more than a magnitude 6.5
6 earthquake, or something like that. It is pretty obvious to
7 anybody now that that is pretty low. Those things are
8 happening all over the place. We live on the edge of a
9 tectonic plate. It is moving. It is rock-and-roll out
10 there, baby.

11 I don't want to fault PG&E. I think they were
12 really kind of shoved into this, and stuff, and they are
13 just trying to make the best out of it. The truth of the
14 fact is that other technologies have come along, and really
15 have replaced the need for so much power consumption. It is
16 kind of like the buggy whip industry in 1900, those guys
17 just did not want to give up manufacturing buggy whips, but
18 people had cars, and how are you going to keep them down on
19 the farm after they have seen Paris, right.

20 So I think Diablo is kind of stuck in that
21 situation. The world is changing real fast in technology.
22 The problems that nuclear power plants have are becoming
23 increasingly apparent, and also the nature of natural
24 destruction is becoming pretty more obvious. I see a couple
25 of bad scenarios for Diablo, having worked there for months,

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1 and walked on the beaches, and stuff. One is a big tidal
2 wave. There is plenty of geologic evidence that 80 and 90
3 foot tidal waves have been common place, and one of them
4 took out Crescent City, California, right after the 1964
5 Good Friday Earthquake up in Alaska. That was a 6.8. That
6 is not that big. It doesn't have to be that big. It is the
7 nature of how the earth moves that causes serious damage.

8 The freeway in Oakland, you know, was foolproof.
9 Nothing can go wrong, go wrong, go wrong, go wrong, and it
10 just happened to be just the right distance from the Zianti
11 Earthquake, and the harmonics just destroyed it. Other
12 freeways in San Francisco of a very similar design were
13 angled at a different direction and escaped it.

14 Basically, we don't know. We don't really know.
15 When I was working there, it was obvious to me that PG&E
16 wasn't sure what they were doing because we would build
17 something, we would get a big wall built, and it would be
18 all finished and everything, they would come along and red
19 tag it, and three days later we would be taking the whole
20 thing apart, and say redesign. We would put it all back
21 together and change one or two little things, and it would
22 be like that for a while. Sometimes we would change things
23 two, three times, four times.

24 The Helms Project, they designed a rock collar, a
25 thousand foot shaft that completely collapsed under the

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1 floor. Many people were killed in that, seven guys got
2 killed, and that is just the nature of fallible human
3 engineering. I don't mean to impute any bad motive on any
4 of the parts of PG&E or the engineers, or anything like
5 that, but it is big huge complicated machine sitting out
6 there, far beyond the capacity of any real -- technology is
7 not perfect, and humans aren't perfect, and it is just
8 sitting in a real bad place.

9 I don't think that you should think about
10 extending the license at this time. It seems to me a little
11 odd, the timing, why would they come now, so far ahead of
12 time, asking for an extension of this license. I think
13 probably what you guys should do is say, "Look, this is
14 something that is going to affect the next 10,000
15 generations," my grandkids, and their grandkids, and I think
16 you should put off a decision on this.

17 Go back, there is a new Administration coming in,
18 there is a whole new wave of new technology, energy saving
19 screw in fluorescent light bulbs, and refrigerators that use
20 20 percent of the energy that the old ones used, why not
21 give this stuff a chance.

22 Basically, it means more work for Americans.
23 Diablo is a big centralized power structure. It is subject
24 to sudden destruction by a natural catastrophe, or sabotage.
25 We need to go to a decentralized energy system that draws

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1 its energy from many different points so that if there is a
2 catastrophe in one place, everything still keeps working.

3 I thank you for your time, and all I can do is
4 urge you to go back to Washington and say, "We are not
5 capable of making this decision now because we don't know
6 enough. Let's wait two or three years and see what
7 happens."

8 Thank you.

9 [Applause.]

10 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Fred Frank and Patricia Frank,
11 both of whom are from out of town.

12 MR. FRANK: I could defer until tomorrow morning,
13 and let some of the people from out of town go forward.

14 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: I thought from your address you
15 were from out of town. I am sorry.

16 Eric Dover.

17 DR. DOVER: Dear members of the NRC, my name is
18 Dr. Eric Dover. I am a physician here in San Luis Obispo.
19 I am speaking out against the extension of Diablo Canyon
20 Nuclear Power Plant's operation license at this time or any
21 time in the future.

22 This nuclear facility should be shutdown as
23 scheduled or sooner. There are a number of reasons for
24 this, most of which have been succinctly outlined in the
25 Mothers for Peace petition. I know a lot of people weren't

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1 familiar with that, they weren't here this afternoon. I
2 would like to just go over a few of those very quickly.

3 Number one, PG&E lacks a sufficiently effective
4 and comprehensive surveillance and maintenance program as
5 noted by the NRC itself.

6 Number two, some of PG&E's employees have not
7 proven themselves skilled, reliable, or motivated enough to
8 protect public safety. This includes incorrectly performed
9 calibrations, missed fire watches, and numerous other
10 incidents deemed by investigators to be secondary to
11 personal error. These have all been noted by the NRC.

12 Number three, PG&E has not taken adequate measures
13 to detect the presence of fraudulently certified components,
14 nor have they demonstrated the capability of preventing the
15 acquisition and use of such counterfeit parts in the future.
16 The NRC knows this is a widespread and prevalent problem
17 throughout the nuclear industry and that Diablo is not
18 exempt.

19 Number four, there is little information on the
20 effect of age related degradation of systems, structures,
21 and components to extend PG&E's operation license. As
22 components age, the probability of an accident increases.

23 Number five, thermolag material, a supposed fire
24 barrier is, in fact, a rigid combustible material that, in
25 the event of an earthquake, could shear wires it surrounds,

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1 thus causing a fire and burning with it.

2 The areas using this material are patrolled
3 hourly, but some areas are not accessible to humans and are,
4 therefore, surveyed by smoke and fire sensors, and
5 sprinklers. As noted by the NRC, fire patrols have been
6 missed, sprinkler systems have been inoperable at times, and
7 fire doors have been purposely disabled by pliers and tape.
8 For a nuclear reactor, this safety system is a joke. The
9 thermolag should be removed and replaced, or the reactor
10 shutdown.

11 Number six, PG&E's inability to properly store and
12 handle hazardous and radioactive materials, this includes
13 improper labelling, handling and storage as noted by the
14 NRC.

15 Number seven, there are unsolved problems of
16 radioactive waste storage. Yucca Mountain is the only site
17 being considered, and on July 29th, 1992, there was an
18 earthquake of magnitude 7.0 approximately. The mountain
19 sits upon a large aquifer. The State of Nevada is fighting
20 the use of this area as a radioactive waste storage site, or
21 dump, as I like to call it. The storage capacity of this
22 site is only 70,000 tons. Yet, with the current licenses,
23 there will be 75,000 tons of nuclear waste needing storage.
24 The Federal government states it is not legally obligated to
25 take this nuclear power plant waste in 1998, as it was

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1 previously thought. Diablo Canyon is quickly becoming a
2 nuclear waste disposal site.

3 Number eight, PG&E's emergency preparedness
4 program is inadequate as demonstrated by the August 22,
5 1991, exercise conducted by FEMA which cited numerous areas
6 needing correction. One example is that PG&E has no plans
7 that adequately address road blockage in the event of an
8 earthquake. Road blockage problems were seen at Turkey
9 Point during Hurricane Andrew, at least they had prior
10 notification of the hurricane and could shutdown the
11 reactor. We won't even have that luxury in the event of an
12 earthquake.

13 We have opened up a Pandora's Box with nuclear
14 energy. Uranium mines leached toxins into our environment.
15 Nuclear reactors release toxins while operating, and the
16 result in "spent fuel" is a storage nightmare. We don't
17 want a nuclear waste depot in our backyard. We don't want a
18 nuclear disaster in our backyard either.

19 Whatever man makes "foolproof" eventually unravels
20 and shows our shortcomings. Look at Three Mile Island,
21 Chernobyl, the Russian nuclear submarine sunk off the North
22 European Coast, and the near meltdown one month ago in Japan
23 only stopped by the last backup system.

24 As outline above, Diablo and any nuclear reactor
25 on this earth are ticking timebombs. If you examine the

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1 facts, there is no way you can legally or morally think of
2 extending PG&E's operating license at this time.

3 We are tired of the Federal government forcing
4 nuclear power down our throats. Let our communities decide
5 without the influence of PG&E's propaganda machine what we
6 want in our country.

7 Obviously your jobs are dependent up on the
8 continuation of nuclear power, so you should not be the ones
9 making these decisions for us. We are the ones who should
10 be making these decisions.

11 [Applause.]

12 DR. DOVER: You are allowing the creation of the
13 most destructive pollutant we have ever known. All it takes
14 is one spec to kill a human, and it lasts for over 10,000
15 years. All this because we refuse to conserve and choose to
16 waste. Please, don't make me worry an additional fifteen
17 years about having to treat the sick and dying of a nuclear
18 debacle.

19 This gentleman over here does not live in this
20 area, you do not live in this area. This gentleman is a
21 paid gun for PG&E. When he leaves here, he doesn't give a
22 damn what happens to this area. He goes back to his area
23 where there are no nuclear power plants, he is not concerned
24 about even what PG&E cares about, all he is concerned about
25 is what goes into his pocket. He is a lawyer, and his only

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1 concern is money.

2 This lady over here is a lawyer, and she doesn't
3 care about us. She is sleeping through the testimonies. I
4 have seen her. She gets up here and she puts down the
5 Mothers for Peace. She isn't for us. She is for PC&E.

6 I hope that you gentlemen can that this all into
7 account. I know that I sound as if I am just flying off the
8 handle, but, unfortunately, I have a very heavy background
9 in biological and physical sciences, so I do have some
10 understanding of what is going on here, and I know that what
11 you are doing is, you are killing us.

12 Thank you.

13 [Applause.]

14 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Craig Knox.

15 MR. KNOX: I liked what Eric said

16 I came up here two years ago, moved upwind and
17 bought a house. It doesn't mean I am safe, it means I won't
18 consistently get radiation, perhaps. I think the thing that
19 bothers me most of all about nuclear power is trying to get
20 rid of the waste. We have started off in this Manhattan
21 Project of energy consumption and production without an end.
22 There is no way to get rid of the waste.

23 Yucca Flats has a volcano near it that was
24 originally considered to have gone off 200,000 years ago.
25 Now they have revised it. They think it erupted less than

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1 20,000 years ago. This earth is not predictable. Yet, we
2 light light bulbs with a plant that absolutely needs
3 predictability in order to not annihilate thousands of
4 people now and in the future.

5 I am just really angry. It is so stupid.

6 [Applause.]

7 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Pat Veessart?

8 Lisen Bonnier.

9 MS. BONNIER: Good evening. My name is Lisen
10 Bonnier and I am a farmer in Los Osos Valley. More
11 specifically, I am an organic farmer.

12 My teacher is Mother Nature, and I am her student,
13 and it feels like I just enrolled in kindergarten. I am
14 here to speak on behalf of my teacher, since she cannot
15 personally be here inside San Luis Obispo City Hall, and I
16 am also here to speak on behalf of all the unborn seeds, not
17 only Mother Nature's unborn seeds in the soil, but also the
18 unborn seeds of generations to come.

19 Since we all were born, we have been playing
20 different games with different tools. We played with
21 blocks, A-B-C blocks, and we tried to stack them all
22 together as high as we can, and there was a thrill with
23 that. We tried to see how high we could get before they all
24 collapsed. Then we played with Lego, and we tried to see
25 how many pieces we could fit together in one piece before it

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1 all crumbled. We also played with decks of cards, and we
2 built houses of cards trying to stack as many tiers as
3 possible. It is the thrill of one more tier, always the
4 challenging game, just one more.

5 This particular game we have here is called
6 Diablo, a nuclear power game, and the thrill in this game is
7 called greed. The building blocks in this game is the years
8 of operation that have already gone by. I am asking you now
9 how many more years of greed until everything is lost?

10 How many more building blocks do we dare to add on
11 an already shaky foundation?

12 Mankind has once again started a game, a nuclear
13 power game, which we don't know where the finishing line
14 lays, but we can here, today, set a finishing line.

15 On behalf of Mother Nature, and all the unborn
16 seeds, we humbly request not to grant an extension of
17 Diablo, a nuclear power plant, please.

18 Mr. VEESART: My name is Pat Veasant. I am a
19 general contractor here in San Luis Obispo County. I want
20 to thank you sincerely for the opportunity to speak here
21 today. It is a pleasant relief to be treated as well as we
22 have been treated by you folks. I hope you will really
23 listen to the concerns of this community.

24 I am here today because I am very concerned about
25 the extension of PG&E's license for the Diablo Canyon

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1 Nuclear Power Plant. My concern is based on the long
2 history of this power plant, and the incredible string of
3 blunders, incompetencies, coverups, and outright lies that
4 have led to the people of this county having to live with a
5 nuclear power plant and waste dump in our backyard. We
6 didn't want this power plant, and we made that very clear in
7 the years leading up to its licensing.

8 Please don't underestimate the people of this
9 county. Some of the people before you today spearheaded an
10 opposition to Diablo Canyon that sent shivers of fear
11 throughout the entire nuclear industry.

12 For many years, the Mothers for Peace have brought
13 to light many specific safety concerns, earthquake faults,
14 waste storage, inadequate design, and an evacuation plan
15 that is an insult to the intelligence of anyone who reads
16 it.

17 The Mothers have raised these issues time and time
18 again, now PG&E wants to extend its license. From what I
19 have read, nuclear power plants start experience more
20 problems and failures towards the end of their lives, the
21 Humboldt Plant is a perfect example of this. If these
22 plants are not shutdown until area residents are exposed to
23 repeated doses of low-level radiation. I, for one, don't
24 wish to have my children, and perhaps grandchildren exposed
25 to this hazard.

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1 Given the history of this plant, and the obvious
2 concern expressed by the community, I believe you owe it to
3 the citizens of San Luis Obispo County to conduct an in-
4 depth hearing to determine if the plant's license should be
5 extended. As a citizen of this community, I feel that the
6 Mothers for Peace best represent my interests and the
7 interests of the community. I hope they will be allowed to
8 represent us at a thorough in-depth hearing.

9 Please listen to us. We are human beings, not
10 statistics. Put yourselves in our place, imagine your own
11 children and grandchildren dying in the leukemia ward while
12 PG&E profits soar.

13 The nuclear power industry is a dinosaur doomed to
14 extinction, please don't doom us to extinction in the
15 interim.

16 Thank you.

17 [Applause.]

18 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Betty VanGorder, and after her
19 Sid Stolper.

20 MS. VanGORDER: I am Betty VanGorder. I am with
21 the San Luis Obispo Chapter of the American Red Cross.

22 The Red Cross' role in disaster is to act as the
23 agency which operates congregate care centers providing
24 emergency food and a place to stay in the event of a
25 disaster.

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1 For the past eleven years, the San Luis Obispo
2 County Chapter of the American Red Cross has participated in
3 a county-wide emergency response training exercise in
4 conjunction with the Nuclear Power Evacuation Plan.

5 This training opportunity for our chapter, whether
6 it is a full scale or a tabletop exercise, gives us the
7 opportunity to provide our volunteers with training. Each
8 year improvements are incorporated into our emergency
9 response plan.

10 This yearly training expands our capacity to
11 provide disaster assistance to the County of San Luis
12 Obispo. It also gives the Red Cross the opportunity to
13 interact with other agencies in the cities and counties as
14 part of the county-wide response to disaster.

15 Thank you.

16 [Applause.]

17 MR. STOLPER: Good evening, gentlemen. My name is
18 Sid Stolper, and I am here as a representative of the
19 Plumbers and Steamfitters of San Luis Obispo County.

20 Ten years ago, before I became the manager for the
21 Plumbers and Steamfitters Union here in this county, I was
22 fortunate enough to be able to work ten years at Diablo
23 Canyon on the project and saw first hand the craftsmanship
24 and the expertise that went into building it.

25 I don't believe that the license was issued for

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1 forty years from the day that they first started to draft
2 the license. I think it should have been issued as it was
3 called for, to be issued upon the completion of the plant
4 for operation. In our particular classification of people
5 that work at the plant, we, during the outage periods, have
6 some 250-300 steamfitters and welders that participate in
7 on-going maintenance, valve maintenance, I&C technician
8 checks, and other things that are very critical to the
9 operation at Diablo.

10 We spend locally, with our own training funds,
11 tremendous amounts of money for training to the individuals
12 we sent to the plant for the expertise that we are asked to
13 provide. Yearly, we send all the instructors from our
14 training program to the University of Michigan for a five-
15 year accredited program for teaching of the training of
16 steamfitters and welders and instrumentation technicians.

17 We don't take this lightly, and we also live here.
18 I am a 25-year resident of San Luis. I am proud to be
19 associated with the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

20 Earlier today, I happened to join with many fellow
21 San Luis Obispoians that involve themselves in an economic
22 forecast for San Luis Obispo for 1993. It became very, very
23 evident for us all, as we thumbed through the pages, the
24 tremendous positive impact that PG&E and Diablo Canyon
25 brings to San Luis Obispo County.

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1 We believe that they have been good neighbors. We
2 think they have been foremost and forthright with all that
3 they have done with the NRC. We stand by the work that we
4 have done there, and we think that you ought to continue the
5 license for the forty-year duration that it was intended to
6 be.

7 Thank you.

8 [Applause.]

9 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Kathy DePeri.

10 [Applause.]

11 MS. DePERI: Thank you.

12 I don't know what to say after that. I think
13 people are clapping because I represent a lot of people
14 here, and the way a lot of people feel. I was an
15 environmental educator who was fired for refusing to take
16 children to a nuclear power plant because I believe it is an
17 unsafe place for children, as well as an unsafe place for
18 the community.

19 There are a number of issues that I feel the NRC
20 needs to really look at before they grant PG&E an extension,
21 a 15-year extension on their license. There are a lot of
22 kids in this community, and I disagree with the County
23 Schools who fired me because they thought that the
24 educational benefits outweighed the safety issues.

25 I think there are some really serious concerns

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1 that we have in this community, or there wouldn't be people
2 here tonight speaking, not attempting to keep you up all
3 night, but they want to be heard because they have some real
4 serious concerns.

5 My concerns are that nuclear power plants
6 routinely emit radiation. New studies have come out saying
7 that the lower levels are harmful. People can't argue that
8 background radiation, and the radiation that we get from the
9 background radiation is just normal. Every little bit extra
10 we get harms us, and kids, as well as adults, don't need
11 that.

12 We have no adequate evacuation plan in this
13 county. It is a joke, and it was seen at Turkey Point when
14 communication was lost for over an hour that evacuation was
15 a fallacy, when there is a natural disaster on top of a
16 nuclear disaster, it would be outrageous to try to get
17 people out of here, if anyone is going to try to help
18 anyone.

19 They lost the radiation monitoring equipment, it
20 was wiped out. They lost the sirens. There were no
21 emergency sirens that went off. We are talking, if that
22 happened here, how are people going to even know if there is
23 an emergency.

24 There are also a lot of other concerns. There are
25 spent fuel rods that are sitting out there two-and-a-half

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1 miles from an earthquake fault. There was a coverup on the
2 Hasgri Fault years ago, and the NRC should know about that.
3 Anytime somebody brings it up, it is just shuffled and
4 things don't come out in the reports.

5 I definitely think that you ought to be doing some
6 studies on health effects on the people around here. What
7 is usually said is, "We don't need to do health studies
8 because we are not releasing anything that is harmful to
9 anyone." Well, I think it is time that the people don't
10 believe that anymore. The NRC has lied to the people too
11 many times.

12 [Applause.]

13 MS. DePERI: We can create a lot of other jobs for
14 the community, and there have been a lot of studies done on
15 a lot of other cleaner energies, cleaner renewables that
16 PG&E should be looking into. They can make just as much
17 money off of clean renewables as they can destroying our
18 planet.

19 So I would just like to ask that the NRC seriously
20 take our considerations and not grant PG&E a 15-year
21 extension.

22 Thank you.

23 [Applause.]

24 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Randy Davis.

25 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: We have already heard from

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1 him.

2 MR. CONSTANCE: I have a question and I have to
3 leave. My name is Christopher Constance and I am a student
4 in this area.

5 I don't drive a car because I think it is quite a
6 waste of energy, needless to say it is bad for breathing,
7 and there are things that are even worse than that in the
8 air around this area.

9 In the process of getting a license to drive an
10 automobile in this State, you get a license for four years,
11 and you have to go back and renew that license after that
12 four-year period has come.

13 I question to myself, how many people, if I were
14 absolutely insane, could I kill with one car before I ran
15 into a wall or got shot by a police officer, and then I
16 think about Diablo Canyon, and they are giving them
17 extensions to go until one-fourth of the next century is
18 over, and I can't understand how 15 more years can be
19 granted when we can't even get a license for more than four,
20 which is hardly deadly other than the fact that it is using
21 all of our oxygen.

22 So I ask you, how can you grant this?

23 [Applause.]

24 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Jason Schara.

25 MR. SCHARA: My name is Jason Schara, and I work

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1 with Greenpeace.

2 We came out here last Thursday to help. I think
3 our job is pretty much to make people aware of what is going
4 on, and I think that we talked to about 10,000 people since
5 last Thursday by canvassing, going door-to-door, and letting
6 people know what is going on, and I would say about 50
7 percent of the people didn't even know these hearings were
8 going on.

9 It just seems to me, how can PG&E do this without
10 making the public aware. You should like put it on TV or
11 something like that so that people can come. A lot of
12 people can't get out of their homes, so I think that
13 everyone of these people speaking is representing about 100
14 to 500 people that weren't able to make it. So I think you
15 should keep that in consideration as well.

16 That is about it.

17 [Applause.]

18 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Richie Ray Walker, and Mike
19 Mowrey.

20 MR. WALKER: My name is Richie Ray Walker, and I
21 come to you people not only as a biologist, a person that
22 has taught biology for 12 years, but a person that has also
23 studied geology.

24 All of you know about the Hasgri Fault, and how
25 close it is to Diablo Canyon. The PG&E enginee and the

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1 NRC, it seems, a lot of people in the know knew about that
2 fault and that fault line long before the plant was built,
3 but they went ahead and they built the plant anyway. The
4 total cost of the plant was around \$8 billion.

5 I don't mean to sound pessimistic, and there are a
6 lot people out here that would like to shut that plant down.
7 I, myself, would like to shut that plant down. But, as a
8 matter of economics, that is only wishful thinking and
9 fantasy. I don't think it will ever happen. I think the
10 license probably will be extended, so I am going to say my
11 piece anyway, and what I know about earthquakes and
12 earthquake faults.

13 All of you saw back in 1989, in October, the San
14 Francisco Earthquake. That earthquake was about 7.3 to 7.5.
15 It literally devastated the marina area. I was up there,
16 and I saw the damage that it did in San Francisco. I love
17 that city and, as far as I am concerned, it is probably the
18 best city, the most cosmopolitan city, other than New York,
19 in the United States, and I have been all over this country.

20 Also, too, I want to mention the freeway, the
21 double-decker freeway thing that was built, the overpass
22 thing that crumbled like a cookie. That thing was built in
23 1955, and it was determined then that it was earthquake
24 proof, and that it would never fail. As all of you saw live
25 over CNN News, and all the TV stations, that overpass, the

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1 freeway thing, crumbled like a cookie. Sixty-three people
2 were killed outright. One poor soul lived for about a week,
3 a longshoreman, and he finally expired after about a week.

4 So, as you well know, there are two types of
5 earthquakes. There is the thrust fault, and then there is
6 the slip fault, and the slip fault is not the most dangerous
7 one. The thrust fault is the one that hit San Francisco,
8 and literally devastated it in nothing flat.

9 The particular fault plates that we have out here
10 off of Avila Beach and Diablo Canyon, in the beginning were
11 known as slip plates, or slip faults, and now it is believed
12 that it could be a thrust fault, which would be devastating
13 if we had a 7.5 or even an 8.0 Richter reading here in this
14 area with that type of thrust fault. So it would literally
15 crack that reactor out of Diablo Canyon like a walnut.

16 As you well know, Mr. Wasserman over here, and the
17 other speaker, I didn't quite get his name, made some very
18 good comments, and points that, if there was an emergency
19 situation here in this area, pandemonium would break out.
20 There is no evacuation plan. It is ludicrous, it is a joke,
21 and so hence forth you would have a situation where panic
22 would take over, all rhyme and reason would go right down
23 the poop shoot, and we would have a real problem in this
24 city and county.

25 Also, too, I would like to mention a steamfitter

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1 that I met about two years ago down at Avila Beach Hot
2 Springs. We were sitting in the hot pool discussing Diablo
3 Canyon. So I asked this steamfitter out there, "What is
4 happening out there?"

5 He said, "You wouldn't believe it."

6 I said, "Well, tell me, tell me."

7 He said, "Well, there are a lot of things that go
8 out there that never make the paper."

9 I said, "Oh, really?"

10 He said, "Yes."

11 "Well, tell me one."

12 He said, "Well, the other day, we had a massive
13 build-up in one of our pipes that evacuate the water from
14 the reactors, and it is dumped into that holding area. It
15 is a back-flush type of thing, and the water goes down this
16 pipe. so they were releasing these valves, and pumping this
17 water down this pipe when this fellow was watching this
18 gauge, and the gauge kept building higher and higher and
19 higher pressure.

20 "So the foreman came along and started screaming
21 and hollering and going crazy, and said, shut it off. So
22 they shut the thing off. He said, take the pipe apart. So
23 when they took the pipe apart, guess what they found inside
24 the pipe? They found the packing inside the pipe had never
25 been removed."

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1 So when some of the people come up here from the
2 PG&E and talk about the quality and the quality control that
3 goes on out there at the PG&E plant, this is just one
4 example of many examples that never make the paper, and if
5 this pipe would have blown up because of the pressure being
6 built up in that pipe, you would have had a lot of
7 radioactive water all over that plant, contaminating
8 workers, and it doesn't take too much radiation, and that
9 much concentration to kill a person.

10 I think the lethal dosage of radiation is around
11 what, 500 rads, or something like that. You don't have to
12 get soaked too much with radiation to build up a certain
13 amount of radiation where it will kill you, and kill you
14 outright, if not a lingering illness for several months
15 before you do expire.

16 So that is one example. I wish he could have
17 given me more, but that was the most present one that he
18 gave me in working out there at that plant.

19 What I would like you people to consider, from the
20 NRC, and I hope you are listening to all the speakers, and I
21 hope you are thinking, as you are listening, with this plant
22 wanting an extension on their license, and with all the
23 problems that have already happened out there at that plant,
24 many of the problems, of course, never make the press. They
25 have a good PR system out there, and this fellow -- I don't

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1 recall his name now, but he was a PR spokesman for PG&E --
2 whenever there was a radiation leak, or radiation went out
3 into space, he would always say, "Well, there is no danger.
4 It is a minimal amount." How do we know?

5 Where is the evidence, where is the preponderance
6 of evidence, where is the evidence that shows the public
7 that these amounts of radiation really are minimal?

8 I don't think they are. As we have been told here
9 by various speakers about the dangers of low-level
10 radiation, I think that is apparent in the dangers that are
11 already here among us, right here in this city and county.

12 As I am speaking now, maybe there is low-level
13 radiation being released out there in the atmosphere, and
14 what is going to happen?

15 Well, we are going to be the end result of that
16 radiation, and that is going to be bad news.

17 One other thing I would like to mention, with all
18 the earthquakes happening in this state, I have flown over
19 the San Bernadino Mountains, I have also looked out of the
20 window of the airplane, and you can see the folds of the San
21 Bernadino Mountains, and that only indicates to me that the
22 pressure is building more and more in the San Bernadino
23 Mountain area of a tremendous earthquake that is going to
24 happen right there in that San Bernadino Valley, in that
25 area, and if it is big enough, it is going to trigger the

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1 San Andreas Fault, which is the biggest fault and the
2 longest fault in the State of California. It goes all the
3 way from Ensenada, Mexico, and it goes all the way up the
4 coast, and veers over to the San Joaquin Valley. It goes
5 underneath Bakersfield, and continues North, and goes under
6 San Francisco, and then winds up on the other side of
7 Vallejo, and it is a long fault. It is about an 800 mile
8 fault, thereabouts.

9 With all these hundreds of fault lines all over
10 California, plus the Hasgri Fault that is only a little less
11 than three miles close to the plant, probably two miles to
12 the plant, there are some very things going on and to
13 consider with the extension of this license to Diablo
14 Canyon.

15 To close this little speech, I would like to say
16 that even the NRC admitted about three years ago in our
17 paper, which isn't the greatest paper in the world, The
18 Telegram Tribune, there are over 2,000 violations out at
19 Diablo Canyon. What I want to know is, with all these
20 violations that they knew, the 2,000 violations, how many of
21 those 2,000 violations were corrected?

22 I don't know that, I don't know how many
23 violations out there at Diablo Canyon that were corrected
24 Maybe only 100 were corrected, so there is no evidence there
25 either.

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1 So there are a lot of unanswered questions. There
2 are a lot of things to be considered, and I think that you
3 people from the NRC, in listening to all these fine
4 speakers, and the patience of the three Judges up here,
5 should do some very heavy thinking, some soul searching, and
6 not grant this license.

7 Thank you very much.

8 [Applause.]

9 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Mr. Mowery.

10 MR. MOWERY: Yes.

11 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: And Bill Horton after that.

12 MR. MOWERY: Thank you.

13 My name is Mike Mowery, and I am a resident of San
14 Luis Obispo County and have been for the last 36 years. I
15 am currently Business Manager for the Electricians Union in
16 San Luis Obispo County, and I thank you also for the
17 opportunity to come before you and share my thoughts on the
18 extension of the license for Diablo Canyon.

19 First off, I am kind of amazed at what I have
20 witnessed here. I think the Federal government could reduce
21 its budget if they would just sell tickets to a show like
22 this. Although many of the people that are here are not
23 residents of this county, and I would like to point that
24 out, and many of the people that I represent cannot be here,
25 and that is why I am here representing them.

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1 We have over 200 electricians in my local union,
2 and most of them have all worked at Diablo Canyon. I have
3 worked on Diablo Canyon both in the construction cycle, and
4 also after it was on-line, and I don't know where all the
5 misperceptions come with the nuclear power plant at Diablo
6 Canyon because what I have experienced is not what I am
7 hearing here from the people that are opposed to extending
8 the license.

9 The previous speaker, I would like to address
10 something that he brought up about the rags being in the
11 pipe. That incident did happen, but it was not at Diablo
12 Canyon. That incident happened at another power plant, and
13 the pipefitter that he was talking to must have been a non-
14 union pipefitter because that plant where this situation
15 happened was a fossil fuel plant.

16 But needless to say, I think there has been a lot
17 of misinformation presented here tonight. There has been
18 various occurrences at Diablo Canyon where the NRC has
19 written up PG&E. Some of those instances might be where a
20 construction worker, or a plant employee walks through a
21 secured door and does not go back and clear through
22 properly. Incidents like that are written up at the power
23 plant, and the people that have worked there for some
24 periods of time know the constraints, the requirements, the
25 procedures that they are under, and the quality control.

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1 Also, I believe that most of the contentions that
2 the Mothers for Peace are presenting are not in the -- well,
3 they don't hold the validity that they should to preclude
4 the plant from not being granted an extension of its
5 license. I think most of the points that they have
6 raised --

7 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Nuclear waste.

8 MR. MOWERY: Nuclear waste.

9 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Cancer.

10 MR. MOWERY: I am not an expert on these, but I
11 can tell you that PG&E has addressed each and everyone of
12 these issues.

13 The nuclear waste is being stored on site at the
14 current time. I am not here to debate you people. I am
15 here to speak my piece just like I gave you tolerance to
16 speak yours. So, in a free society, I would like to have
17 the opportunity.

18 I do appreciate what the Mothers for Peace have
19 raised in the past. In the past, they have brought concerns
20 and changes to the nuclear power plant that I think were for
21 the betterment of all involved. Nevertheless, what we are
22 talking about here today, and this is a hearing in a public
23 forum, is extending the license, and I believe that the
24 proof is in the pudding. The power plant has performed
25 extremely well. PG&E continues to upgrade the facilities,

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1 and ensure that the quality is there, and the safety is
2 there.

3 I would be a fool to raise my family in this
4 county and continue to live here if I seriously thought that
5 Diablo Canyon was going to take my life, or slowly take my
6 children's lives. I think those in the audience, if they
7 are as convinced as they say that they area, that Diablo
8 Canyon is going to create a situation and jeopardize their
9 lives and their children's lives, then I don't know why the
10 live here in close proximity to it.

11 The last point that I would like to make is that
12 there is quite a few people here, but I don't believe that
13 this is representation of what this community represents,
14 and I think PG&E has been given the support of the
15 community, and I don't think this is something where we put
16 this to the vote of the people, but we put it into the hands
17 of people that regulate the nuclear power industry.

18 One other point, if these people have so many
19 alternatives that are viable, I would encourage them to get
20 into the utility business, and go for it, and make their
21 profits.

22 Thank you.

23 [Applause.]

24 MR. HORTON: Excuse me. I just want to say a
25 couple of words. I will take about a minute.

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1 My name is Issac Horton. I am a resident. I live
2 in Los Osos.

3 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Are you the Bill Horton who is
4 on the list?

5 MR. HORTON: No, but what I have to say will only
6 take a few moments.

7 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Well, I had called Bill Horton,
8 too, so if he is around.

9 MR. HORTON: If you would let me speak right now,
10 it will take two seconds.

11 Basically, what I want to say is, it is the
12 Christmas season. We are enjoying the spirit of giving, and
13 I would like to ask you one question, when you go and you
14 share your meal, or whatever, with your family and your
15 grandchildren and children, and what do you think of when
16 you are being with your family, and all that love, and you
17 are sharing?

18 You should think of that just like you think of
19 our community because we are your family, and we really care
20 about the rest of the community, and we want to place values
21 in our children that have a foundation of love, and we think
22 that one life, just one life --

23 This lady who came to speak about all the people
24 that she has met with cancer, and you could tell that she
25 feels it from her heart, that when somebody dies because of

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1 just some radiation, it doesn't matter if it is creating the
2 energy that we need, if we can create it in another way, it
3 doesn't matter. One life is more valuable.

4 If you think that I am being a hypocrite because I
5 use PG&E's energy, well then screw you because I will
6 boycott PG&E and I will become totally self-sufficient, if
7 that is what it takes. I don't care if I have to go live in
8 the hills.

9 Thank you.

10 [Applause.]

11 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Is Bill Horton here, the other
12 Horton?

13 [No response.]

14 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Is Saul Goldberg?

15 [No response.]

16 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Pete Evans?

17 MR. EVANS: Hello, my name is Pete Evans.

18 I would like to comment on a few things that
19 earlier on were commented on, and have been getting picked
20 up, and that is the evacuation plan.

21 Fortunately, the NRC, I think that the Mothers',
22 and other people's insistence came up with the regulations
23 that no plant can be licensed without an adequate evacuation
24 plan. As you have heard, what we have received as a result
25 of that is some sort of a joke, and I would like to go over

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1 a few specifics.

2 One of the specifics of our plan for those of us
3 who have pets is to put your pets in the middle of the
4 house, and leave them three days worth of food, and then
5 evacuate your family and plan to be gone for five days.
6 That is one bit of information that doesn't quite work out.

7 Another thing is for parents to abandon their
8 children and get out knowing that they can count on the
9 school district, and the police, and fire and other people
10 to get their children out from the schools and so on.

11 As a pet lover, I wouldn't comply with the first
12 part, and I have yet to meet any parents who would comply
13 with the second part about leaving their children to someone
14 else to get out of the community if there is a problem.

15 These are two of many problems with the evacuation
16 plan, and the evacuation plan is one giant problem amongst
17 many problems with this plant that we have had here. The
18 concerns and worries of all kinds of citizens here, I think,
19 are valid, and I really feel it is premature to consider
20 extending the license at this time.

21 There was some sort of analogy made earlier about
22 a driver's license, but that was more about the lethal
23 nature of the plant versus a car, but it would be silly for
24 any of us to apply to extend our driver's license two years
25 into a four-year period, so why do that with this plant?

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1 Perhaps PG&E needs to do some planning for the
2 future, or whatever, I don't know. Mr. Walker brought up a
3 bunch of points, and I was just left with the thought, this
4 whole period, this whole -- what has it been since this has
5 been a major issue, since about '73 or '74, and somewhat of
6 an issue before that. The average citizen here has had to
7 just live on hope, just rely on hope that everything will be
8 okay. We are the government, trust us. That is really not
9 good enough for us, and that is what caused the blockade,
10 and lots of support for the Mothers and other groups, and I
11 don't think you should ask us to live on hope, or perhaps
12 your best judgment, you people that live in Pittsburgh, or
13 Miami, or wherever.

14 The plant is operating, it is already a poisoned
15 piece of real estate that probably can't be used for any
16 other purpose for who knows how many years, but to extend
17 that at this point is just ludicrous, and it just seems very
18 childish and not a wise thing to do.

19 So, with the coming new administration, I think
20 you should go home and say, "We don't know enough yet, and
21 we are going to have to study this in light of new
22 political, and legal, and safety developments, and give this
23 much more consideration."

24 Thank you.

25 [Applause.]

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1 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Kimberly MacGregor.

2 MS. MacGREGOR: My name is Kimberly, and I have
3 come up from Los Angeles to give Saul some support.

4 We wouldn't be up here if they didn't call us.
5 They wouldn't have called us if they didn't want it. They
6 don't want it, and that is something you should take into
7 consideration.

8 There are a lot of human beings in here that have
9 hearts, care about the future, care about the unborn babies,
10 and they don't want this around.

11 If you produce energy, that is great. Energy is
12 good, yes. But if you produce energy that produces a toxic
13 waste, who are you harming?

14 The toxic wastes have a lifespan longer than
15 anybody in this whole room, unless you are immortal. so why
16 not produce an energy that produces no toxic waste. Come
17 on, you guys, solar energy, you have the Sun. The Sun has
18 been sitting there for millions of years. You can use it.
19 That is natural resources.

20 Wind is another way. You have the birds, they fly
21 into it. So what, put a little chainlink fence up around
22 them, and then the birds won't fly into it. That is not
23 producing any waste that is going to kill us off. It is not
24 going to make our babies come out dead or deformed. It is
25 not going to make the toxic waste which you think you bury

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1 under the ground, and you forget about it, and it leaks in
2 our water, and then we all die slowly. I mean it is
3 something to think about.

4 I have been to a lot of doors this week, and
5 people will say, "Well, we don't know enough information, we
6 can't support your cause." I don't believe you guys have
7 enough information, just like the people at the door are
8 telling me, "We don't have enough information, we need to
9 research it more." That is what I think you guys need to
10 do, research it more.

11 There are other alternatives out there, and it is
12 time to change.

13 Thank you.

14 [Applause.]

15 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Richard Kramzdorf.

16 [Applause.]

17 MR. KRAMZDORF: Thank you.

18 I am Richard Kramzdorf, 160 Graves in San Luis
19 Obispo.

20 The old statement, it feels like deja vu all over
21 again. The first time I appeared at one of these sessions
22 was somewhere in the late 1970s. It was over at Madonna
23 Inn, and I remember at that time being told, "The people who
24 wanted to speak line up at one of two microphones." We were
25 given three minutes, and at the end of each person's speech,

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1 one of the panel members said, "Thank you very much. Next
2 person please. Thank you very much. Next person please.
3 Thank you very much. Next person please."

4 I must admit, based on that experience and a lot
5 of other experiences that have occurred, I had written some
6 statements which would have been in rather a different
7 direction than I intend to go.

8 After having spoken to the people who were with
9 you during the day, and hearing their statements as well as
10 watching you this evening, as a couple of other people have
11 said, I truly wish to thank you. This is not the kind of
12 response that I thought that we would be getting, people
13 genuinely listening.

14 [Applause.]

15 MR. KRAMZDORF: As I understand from this
16 afternoon, the Mothers got legal standing, which was
17 certainly something which -- it was the first barrier, if
18 you will, and I would like to thank you for that.

19 I would hope that in looking at your different
20 issues, and making your recommendations, that you would ask
21 for an environmental impact statement, which is long
22 overdue. I would hope that you would look to certain of the
23 seismic issues, data which is being provided daily, and I
24 would like to focus just for a couple of minutes.

25 When I was involved in this some years ago, my

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1 particular interest was the emergency plan, and different
2 facets of it, and some of what I am going to say is old, but
3 some of it is very, very new.

4 When you take, as I understand you are going to be
5 taking a trip down to Diablo tomorrow, sometime in the late
6 morning/early afternoon, something like that, I would like
7 to recommend, on your way down, as you zip down 101, and
8 then you take the Avila Road, I guess, that as you get to
9 Avila, rather than just zipping on to the plant, whoever is
10 driving you, you say, "Wait a minute, can we please turn
11 into Avila itself, into the town of Avila." It is a small
12 town. It is the closest downwind town to the plant, and I
13 would urge you to look at the structures there. Look at
14 them in two ways. Look at them in terms of the sheltering
15 if, indeed -- let me go back a step.

16 There is basically one road out of the town of
17 Avila, one road. There is a backway, which is a dirt road,
18 et cetera, but essentially there is one road. So
19 evacuation, in the event of an earthquake, or whatever else,
20 would be very questionable.

21 I would, therefore, urge you to go into the town,
22 take a five-ten minutes drive around the town and look at
23 the structures in two regards. One, in terms of the
24 protection that they would offer in the event of a problem
25 at Diablo, and, secondly, in the event of an earthquake, and

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1 look at, again, the kinds of structures. I think it is well
2 worth your taking the few minutes to do that.

3 In talking about sheltering, for years we have
4 talked. This goes back long ago, the people have no idea,
5 in the event of a problem. in the event of an evacuation
6 because of an earthquake or whatever, and that being
7 possible, they have no idea, to this day, where, what kinds
8 of buildings, where they can go for a sheltering option, and
9 yet we talk about the emergency plan being something which
10 is up to speed.

11 Some of the points that Eric Greening made
12 earlier, I think, are very well taken. I hadn't thought
13 about that, in terms of the emergency plan, in terms of the
14 composition changing over the years. When you are looking
15 for new evidence, not old material, looking to the future in
16 terms of the Clean Air Plan, in terms of the modal shift
17 that has been going on in terms of different kinds of
18 vehicles, in terms of an aging population, all of that is
19 new material and should be looked at. The emergency plan is
20 woefully inadequate focusing on the next 15 years, let alone
21 if you are going to go beyond that, or you are being asked
22 to go beyond that for the 12 to 15 years following that.

23 I am a professor of political science over at Cal
24 Poly. I teach in the international relations area. One of
25 the courses that I teach is called The Politics of Global

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1 Survival, and we look at both nuclear issues and also
2 environmental issues.

3 One of the things which has been very clear over
4 the past several years, and I am not a climatologist, but
5 one reads the World Watch material, and one reads the World
6 Resources Institute material, and it is that we are in a
7 period of, for reasons that aren't entire clear, whether
8 they are earthquakes, or whether they are typhoons, or
9 whether they are tidal waves, or whatever, there is an
10 exponential increase in these kinds of events, none of which
11 has been factored into the events coming up, or to the years
12 during which this extension would take place.

13 So I would urge you to look at not only local
14 conditions, but also global conditions. There were comments
15 earlier about Turkey Point. There was a comment about tidal
16 waves. These are not apparently just happenstance events,
17 they are increasing in frequency, and should be factored
18 into your consideration of the extension which is being
19 proposed.

20 I think, in closing -- well, one very, very brief
21 point. The reporter for the TT was here for an hour, and I
22 saw her leave. There was a person from one of the radio
23 stations, he left. This is a critical event. I would have
24 hoped that this would have been carried by local radio, not
25 only for the few people that are here, but the thousands

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1 that would have had an opportunity to actually listen, blow-
2 by-blow, to the events today.

3 It is really important and I think that it has
4 been a disservice that this has not been made available to
5 the general public beyond those that are actually here.

6 Thank you very much for remaining here, and I
7 would hope that the radio stations would have been willing
8 to carry this as well.

9 [Applause.]

10 MR. KRAMZDORF: I think what I would ask in
11 conclusion, I don't know what your procedure is. I know you
12 will come to your own recommendations when you leave. I
13 know you are not making them here. I would hope that those
14 recommendations will be made public before they actually --
15 let me phrase it this way, I would hope we would not find
16 out simply from the NRC. I would hope that your
17 recommendations would be made public as they are transmitted
18 up the line rather than we wait for the final decision to be
19 made without anyone knowing. I don't know what your
20 procedure is. It is a request that I think the people of
21 San Luis Obispo would like to make to you.

22 There is a new wind blowing in Washington, D.C. --

23 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Our Board will render a
24 decision. Our decision will be made, and subject to review,
25 of course, but it will be made.

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1 MR. KRAMZDORF: But it will be made public before
2 the review is --

3 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: It will be made public when we
4 make it, and that will be it, and then it is subject to
5 appeal.

6 MR. KRAMZDORF: That's great. I didn't know the
7 procedure, that it will be made public before it goes on to
8 the next stage.

9 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: This is routine.

10 MR. KRAMZDORF: There is a new wind blowing in
11 Washington. The twelve years of the NRC going its own
12 route, of the legislative branch going its own route, of
13 one-step licensing going its own route, I think there is a
14 new wind blowing, and I would hope you would listen, or be a
15 part of this new wind.

16 Again, I appreciate your coming here. I
17 appreciate your listening to us, and responding to us, and
18 we look forward to your recommendations.

19 Thank you very much.

20 [Applause.]

21 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Barbara Rose.

22 MS. ROSE: Hello. My name is Barbara Rose. I
23 want to thank you for extending your meeting tonight so that
24 people can be heard.

25 [Applause.]

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1 MS. ROSE: I just have a few brief comments to
2 make. Eighteen years ago, when this plant was initially
3 being built, there were a lot of things we didn't know.
4 Some of the things we didn't know were the things we know
5 now about the Hasgri Fault. We didn't know that we wouldn't
6 have a place to put the waste, and that we would have to
7 double up on the amount of waste that is stored on-site.

8 We didn't know that lung and breast cancer rates
9 would soar in this county. We didn't know of the
10 difficulties we would have with developing an emergency plan
11 for this county. We didn't know that one of the units would
12 be built backwards and have to be redesigned.

13 We are talking about extending this license after
14 an additional 18 years. What will we learn in this next 18
15 years, why are we even considering it at this time?

16 I think that if the plant has the wonderful safety
17 record that it appears to have, let's let it go and see how
18 we feel in 18 years, but why extend it at this time. It
19 doesn't make sense.

20 Thank you.

21 [Applause.]

22 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Ray Fleming?

23 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: He is out in the hall.

24 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Sheila Baker, too.

25 Why don't you speak now, and then we will get Ray

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1 later.

2 MS. BAKER: Thank you. Thank you for being here,
3 and thank you for being so nice.

4 I would like to ask that someone from Santa
5 Barbara that has driven up today, and that has to move
6 tomorrow, has to drive back tomorrow speak on my behalf, and
7 I would love to come back tomorrow and speak.

8 Thank you.

9 [Applause.]

10 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Who was the person from Santa
11 Barbara?

12 MS. HART: I am. My name is Stacey Hart, and this
13 is my daughter. I have been a mom for six months, and I am
14 really enjoying it.

15 I think you guys have gotten a lot of facts
16 tonight. I like to read books a lot, and there are a couple
17 of things I have read in books lately that I thought I would
18 share with you.

19 In the World Watch, in 1992, the first article in
20 the series of articles that have been taken from the World
21 Watch Journal is about nuclear waste, and the first thing
22 they say in that article is that it is the major problem
23 that we have on this planet today, finding a place to put
24 this stuff, and knowing how we are going to make sure that
25 it doesn't leach into our watertable over the next

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1 millennia, and how we are going to ensure that political
2 changes, like we have seen in Russia in the last couple of
3 years, aren't going to mean a more unstable way of taking
4 care of it.

5 Another thing I read was by a woman named Joanna
6 Massey. She came up with a good idea. She said, "Let's
7 make it a spiritual thing where we will actually have kind
8 of a priesthood of people that will be charged with taking
9 care of nuclear waste," and that blew me away that it is
10 such a long amount of time that we would have to create some
11 sort of a religion to take care of it.

12 Another person came up with an idea that we make
13 keychains with little bits of nuclear waste in it, and gave
14 them to everybody, and then they could just lose their keys.

15 It is ridiculous. Nuclear waste, there is nothing
16 we can do with it. We could maybe jettison it into space,
17 maybe we could get NASA to work on it. We can't do anything
18 about extending or creating more nuclear power plants until
19 we figure out what we are going to do with this problem.

20 Another book I have been reading lately is by Al
21 Gore, Earth in the Balance, and even he says that we have to
22 deal with this problem.

23 So, no, let's not extend this nuclear power plant,
24 it is stupid.

25 Another book I read, Everything I Needed to Know I

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1 Learned in Kindergarten, and one of the things that guy says
2 is, "Clean up after your own mess." I am going to teach my
3 daughter how to say that. I am going to teach my daughter
4 to clean up after her own mess. You know something, I
5 really hope when she is an adult and she looks at me and she
6 says something about me bringing her into the world, I hope
7 it is "Thank you" instead of "Why?"

8 [Applause.]

9 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Coralie McMillan.

10 MS. HART: I was going to ask you if my friend
11 Myrrh can speak to you. She came up with me, and she has
12 also got a child.

13 MS. McMILLAN: She can go ahead of me.

14 [Applause.]

15 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Okay.

16 You go next, though.

17 MS. SHAW: Thank you.

18 My name is Myrrh Shaw, and I am proud to say that
19 my son Gordon was born in our solar powered home.

20 [Applause.]

21 MS. SHAW: Right now, we are working on upgrading
22 our solar system, and that brings me to the thought of the
23 solar industry in general. When Jimmy Carter was in office,
24 there were tax breaks for families and businesses who were
25 willing to install solar power systems in their homes, and

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1 he, as an example, installed solar hot water heaters in the
2 White House. Reagan came in, took the heaters down, and
3 cancelled the program.

4 For that reason, solar technology has limited
5 funding, limited availability, and is actually expensive to
6 install and to upkeep and improve. So I would like to see
7 some of our energy dollars redirected into the solar
8 industry. These jobs as Diablo that we are talking about
9 that are so precious could be rechanneled into solar
10 technology, solar installation, solar repair, the designing
11 of 12 volt appliances at an affordable cost that could be
12 run on solar power.

13 I would also like to say that I was an exchange
14 student in Europe the year of the Chernobyl accident, and I
15 saw the response, and I saw the ramifications, and I saw the
16 food market come tumbling down when certain food products
17 were no longer marketable.

18 I am wondering why the jobs at Chernobyl or the
19 jobs at Diablo are more important than the jobs of the
20 Bavarian dairy farmers whose milk was no longer sellable, or
21 the Turkish fig growers whose figs were no longer acceptable
22 on the market.

23 We are a family of organic farmers, and we put all
24 of our workforce into raising food that is sustainably
25 grown, and safe for the population to eat. No one is going

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1 to buy it if it is contaminated with nuclear waste, so there
2 goes our job. Why is my job less important than anyone
3 else's?

4 [Applause.]

5 MS. SHAW: Thirdly and lastly, I want to comment
6 on the build up of radiation in milk. These Bavarian dairy
7 farmers were not only hit with a high fallout level, but the
8 way milk is produced, radiation tends to accumulate in it at
9 a relatively high rate.

10 I am nursing my son, and I feel good about the
11 milk that I feed him. I don't want to be grimacing and
12 afraid every time it is time for him to eat. I want to be
13 able to feed him safe food, too.

14 [Applause.]

15 MS. McMILLAN: Coralie McMillan. I just wanted to
16 make a few points.

17 First of all, I want to say that the young people
18 don't want this. It seems to be the old people that want
19 this, the before World War II crowd. That is why I am glad
20 we have a new president because, hopefully, these young
21 people will make a difference because not only are you going
22 to inherit a debt, you are going to have to find a place for
23 this nuclear waste, and that is the question.

24 This person mentioned that we are giving erroneous
25 information. I want to know, do we have to store nuclear

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1 waste for 3,000 or 10,000 years. You guys are all the
2 experts, what is it, do you know?

3 JUDGE KLINE: We are going to respond by answering
4 that we are not going to answer technical questions. We are
5 here to listen to you, and we will not answer.

6 MS. McMILLAN: If it was a short time, I could
7 understand, but if you are making these decisions, maybe you
8 should know, because King Tut was 3,000 years ago, and if we
9 have to store this for 3,000 years, and we don't even have a
10 place yet, PG&E is planning, they have to plan, this is
11 something that should be planned. It doesn't make sense to
12 me.

13 But I do think that we should all know so that we
14 don't have erroneous information how long this has to be
15 stored because it is these young people that are going to
16 have to do it, and we need a place for it.

17 Another thing I wanted to mention was that PG&E, I
18 heard, was treated quite well this morning, and PG&E is
19 always treated quite well. Diablo is a cash cow for PG&E.
20 They are making a lot of money, and I am paying a lot of
21 money to PG&E, we all are.

22 My concern really is that this whole nuclear
23 power, it is a dead man's dream. These people in PG&E who
24 wanted it and fought for it, they are dead now. They are
25 gone, and we don't have to fulfill their dreams anymore, and

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1 I think it is sad that we don't just shutdown this plant
2 tomorrow until something is done about the nuclear waste.

3 If you can't even take care of chemical waste,
4 these chemical dumps, if you can't even control them, how
5 are you going to ever control a radioactive dump, it is just
6 mindboggling.

7 But I want to say that Greenpeace, you are my
8 heroes, and I have a lot of faith in the young.

9 [Applause.]

10 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: We have a Sandi Sigurdson.

11 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: She left.

12 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Larry Wampler?

13 [No response.]

14 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Kathy Uram?

15 [No response.]

16 MR. DORAN: Is it okay if I go, I am from Los
17 Angeles?

18 My name is Brett Doran, I am on the list.

19 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Are you on one of these lists
20 or not?

21 MR. DORAN: Yes, I am on one of the lists. My
22 name is Brett Doran. I am from Los Angeles.

23 I just want to say that the fact that we are even
24 having this hearing is kind of insane to me, it is kind of
25 like a bad dream. But the reality is, we are having it, and

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1 the reality is that radiation kills people. There is plenty
2 of documentation to prove it. According to Harvey
3 Wasserman, more people in the United States have been killed
4 by radiation than were killed in Hiroshima.

5 There are all kinds of issues that we are dealing
6 with here. Maybe I am not from San Luis Obispo, but the
7 radiation released from this plant probably occasionally
8 finds its way to Los Angeles, and it is always possible that
9 it could find a way into my lung. I could have an alpha
10 particle cause cancer in my own lung.

11 I think PG&E also has to claim responsibility for
12 the people that die in the uranium mines. Uranium is
13 necessary to power the plant. In my home state of Arizona,
14 I know Navaho Indians have died in those plants, and uranium
15 mines also have to be vented of radon gas, and the EPA has
16 admitted that radon gas is deadly. We are putting radon gas
17 into our environment. That is insane.

18 I work for Greenpeace, and I go door to door, and
19 people tell me that I am radical all the time, but I think
20 putting radiation into the air is pretty radical. I don't
21 think what I do, talking to people and trying to protect the
22 environment is very radical.

23 [Applause.]

24 MR. DORAN: We also live with the possibility of
25 meltdown here. I don't know if a meltdown is going to occur

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1 or not, but it would be a good way to put this town on the
2 map. I can just see it now, Chernobyl, Three Mile Island,
3 San Luis Obispo Diablo.

4 I know it provides a lot of jobs and everything,
5 and I know a lot of people here want the extension, but we
6 can be more creative. I am tired of this argument of jobs
7 versus the environment. We can be a little more creative, I
8 think, and I think we are capable of a lot more. We can
9 produce energy that doesn't produce pollution, especially
10 pollution that is going to be around for 10,000 years.

11 It is only logical, putting this kind of poison in
12 the air, it is crazy. I know a lot of people make a lot of
13 money on it. I think, maybe, if you are making money on it,
14 and you think that it is okay to kill people, then you
15 should reevaluate your own point of view.

16 There may be transition periods, but a lot of
17 people just got fired from GM like that, and I don't think
18 the president really cared. He makes safety arguments
19 sometimes, but I don't really think he cared. He wiped out
20 alternatives that we did have, along with his predecessor
21 Ronald Reagan.

22 Hopefully, we can be creative and stop putting
23 this poison in the air, and hopefully we can do it together.
24 Hopefully we don't have to be at each other's throats.

25 I would like to thank the Judges for letting

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1 everyone speak, and I encourage you to reevaluate why there
2 is even an NRC. I don't think there should be an NRC. We
3 need a nuclear free future tomorrow, not in ten years, not
4 in 25 years.

5 Thank you.

6 [Applause.]

7 MR. VESNOVER: Excuse me. My name is John
8 Vesnovor, and I have to be in Los Angeles tomorrow morning
9 at six o'clock, and I am on the list and I would like to
10 speak, if I may.

11 I am a long-time San Luis Obispo County resident.
12 I live and I work in this county, along with my wife and
13 three children. I think San Luis Obispo County is a
14 beautiful and a wonderful place to live in. I hope it
15 always remains that way. I hope also that I can possibly
16 afford to live and work and retire here someday, and as well
17 see my children grow up in this county.

18 I stand here tonight in support of PG&E's request
19 to extend their license. I understand that you have legal
20 and safety concerns that you are primarily concerned with,
21 however, I would hope that in your wisdom you would consider
22 a couple of items that I would like you to consider in this
23 big picture.

24 One of them is the economic reality of the
25 situation in our county, and, secondly, and I hope this

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1 doesn't draw too many boos, but I believe the moral
2 responsibility that we have to continue and develop and
3 refine our nuclear industry.

4 I would like to explain this, maybe, if I could in
5 three minutes. First, on the economic reality, in a recent
6 New Times magazine article that I read, PG&E drew a lot of
7 criticism for making profits. As a businessperson, I
8 shudder when I hear this kind of talk. We only need to look
9 to our auto industry to see what happens when businesses
10 cannot make a profit. People lose their jobs, and their
11 standard of living is diminished. It is very important,
12 therefore, to continue this path.

13 Forgive me, I am a little tired. I am losing my
14 place here. Pacific Gas and Electric Company not only
15 provides a lot of employment and good paying jobs in our
16 area, but they also give back to the community in which they
17 operate. I am on the Board of Directors of a newly formed
18 math-science-technology foundation in our county. It is a
19 group composed of teachers, parents, administrators who are
20 trying to change the fact that American students are now
21 ranked second to last in the industrialized nations of the
22 world. So I believe that PG&E is a good neighbor, and I
23 would like to see them stick around for a while.

24 Now the moral question, there is a lot of talk
25 about this word "risk" and personally, I submit to you

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1 tonight, that I am a little more afraid to drive in the
2 streets of Los Angeles, or, for that matter, drive on any
3 streets or any roads in this country for the fear of a drunk
4 driver on the road. I am more afraid of walking in a room
5 with a lot of second-hand smoke, and I am more afraid and I
6 feel the greatest risk of the fact knowing that our children
7 are subjected to drugs every day.

8 Here is the moral connection, we don't live in a
9 bubble, and we don't live in a vacuum. The nuclear genie is
10 out of the lantern. Even if we were to stop every nuclear
11 power plant in the United States today, the fact of the
12 matter is that the rest of the world will continue to use
13 and develop nuclear power.

14 I, for one, do not want to see a company by the
15 name of the Moscow Cooperative Pacific Gas and Electric
16 Company be in charge of nuclear power, and I believe that we
17 have a moral responsibility to lead the field in nuclear
18 energy, and to show the world the proper way to do it, and
19 along with organizations like the Mothers for Peace, and all
20 the other fine groups that have good intentions here
21 tonight, to set the standards for nuclear power, just
22 because the people in Russia demonstrated to us that they do
23 not do a good job, as has been evidenced in Chernobyl.

24 If you want to switch back to the economic side of
25 things for a minute, I believe if we continue to shackle our

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1 nuclear industry. if we don't do it, the Japanese will do
2 it, and 30 years from now -- I am not a Nintendo family, but
3 if you notice for the families that are Nintendo families,
4 Nintendos never go on sale -- I believe 30 years from now,
5 if we continue to shackle our industry, the Japanese will be
6 selling nuclear technology back to us again.

7 In conclusion, I hope that you consider all the
8 matters, the legal, the safety, as well as the economic
9 benefits, and what I perceive as the moral obligation that
10 we have and fit this all in your big picture.

11 I had the pleasure of viewing Aladdin this weekend
12 with my children, and in that movie Robin Williams does a
13 terrific job as playing the genie who came out of the
14 lantern. I believe that is analogous to the nuclear
15 industry today. The nuclear genie is out of the bottle, and
16 Robin Williams, depending on who was in control at the time,
17 was either a good genie or a bad genie, and that is what I
18 believe our responsibility is here.

19 I hope the United States never loses its edge, and
20 its lead in nuclear technology for our good and that of all
21 the earth.

22 Thank you very much.

23 [Applause.]

24 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: At the moment, we would like to
25 take about a five minute break. We have been running about

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1 three hours, and we will be back shortly.

2 [Brief recess.]

3 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Back on the record.

4 Is Jill Franson here?

5 After Jill, Russell Rappa, and then after that Jim
6 Merkel. These were all people who said they couldn't come
7 back tomorrow and had to leave.

8 MS. FRANSON: Hello. My name is Jill Franson, and
9 I live right now in the Santa Barbara area. I have been
10 working for several years with people on the Navaho
11 Reservation in Northern Arizona, and have been understanding
12 from them that the uranium mining there went on for about a
13 hundred years, and there is still open uranium tailings
14 blowing in the area, a high rate of lung disease,
15 tuberculosis, and birth defects, and the cycle of death that
16 started from uranium mining is continuing today with the use
17 of this uranium and plutonium for power in the nuclear power
18 industry.

19 The use of uranium and plutonium, the atoms being
20 split and harnessed for energy is not necessary. We have
21 other means of producing energy that do not depend upon the
22 nuclear explosion. We do not need to continue using fossil
23 fuels. We have solar, wind, turbine. So there is a whole
24 cycle of things that will continue to kill us unless we stop
25 and make a serious judgment look at where we are right now.

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1 The future looks to be a little bit more
2 promising, the people in my generation, a lot of people have
3 more hope and more inspiration, a positive outlook that we
4 can make a difference.

5 The ozone layer is getting larger. There is more
6 of a problem with pollution. Our food is being irradiated.
7 There is a serious issue about what is going to happen with
8 the fate of the earth, and the nuclear power industry is
9 part of an old way that needs to be turned over, and needs
10 to be seriously looked at for the problems of the waste, and
11 where are we going to put it, for the problems of what is
12 going to happen if there is an earthquake in this area.

13 The nuclear testing that goes on heats up the
14 earth, and the electromagnetic field, and the earth is not
15 able to absorb this energy, and so it causes more volcanos
16 and more earthquakes. So, in this way, it makes it even
17 more dangerous to continue having the power plant located in
18 this area on this earthquake fault.

19 The tax dollars that come from the people that
20 work all the time go to the government, and the government
21 makes the decisions on where the subsidies and where the
22 grants go for helping our society grow. In light of the
23 recent Administration changes with the Clinton and Bush
24 changing office, there has to be more of a comprehensive
25 look at our future, and more of a priority put upon the

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1 survival, and a priority put upon finding a way for the
2 future generations to continue to live without polluted
3 water, and without polluted air, and without having to worry
4 about if nuclear energy is going to destroy us in an
5 earthquake, or if the uranium tailings are going to continue
6 blowing.

7 I would really urge the people that work at PG&E
8 to really consider, in looking at what their jobs are, and
9 find a way to talk to the people in Mothers for Peace, and
10 really get the whole issues put together, and talk to each
11 other, and find a way to meet the needs of all the
12 community, and the energy needs of our future without having
13 to depend upon something that is very shaky at best, and
14 will probably kills us in the long run.

15 Thank you.

16 [Applause.]

17 MR. RAPP: Hello. My name is Russ Rappa. I am
18 from Santa Barbara.

19 I would like to explain in this speech, I have a
20 brain tumor. I have had four strokes from it. It is not
21 fun. I was given sixteen to twenty months to live in 1980,
22 New Year's Eve.

23 The best scenario I hear in favor of the nuclear
24 power plant, this one or any one, but this one in
25 particular, the best scenario, a perfectly good plant is

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1 still on a fault, and it still emits radiation. It still
2 produces is enough to have a build up of radioactive waste.
3 That is the best scenario, and it is no good. It must stop
4 as soon as possible.

5 I heard a man speak out of fear. Fear that the
6 Japanese will have a better toy than us. Sacrifices must be
7 made now. We Americans have to make sacrifices. Wouldn't
8 you give up your extra, your second and your third TV, if
9 you knew it would keep your children alive. How much energy
10 do we have to spend to feel good about ourselves? Make some
11 simple sacrifices so that we can have health children, not
12 dying children.

13 Two women spoke of babies up here, and I heard
14 them both. I was very proud of what they had to say. One
15 was my woman and my child. I never thought I would have
16 that almost ten years ago when I was told I only had sixteen
17 to twenty months to live. Much of what I did to get well
18 had to do with getting back to nature.

19 Thank you.

20 [Applause.]

21 MR. MERKEL: Hello. My name is Jim Merkel. I
22 live in San Luis Obispo, 392 Pismo Street, and I would like
23 to ask the Judges and the NRC not to grant the license
24 extension and, in fact, to shut Diablo down now.

25 I grew up next to the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant

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1 on Long Island, and was in high school, 15,000 people went
2 to the beaches and protested, and they never opened the
3 plant. It was completely built, and my understanding is it
4 was sold for one dollar, and it was more economical for them
5 to do that than to even start it up and operate it. So I
6 believe that the economics of Diablo is not realistic
7 either.

8 Also, I think it is every undemocratic to be
9 submitted to the low-level radiation without consent. The
10 aging problems of the nuclear power plants are serious
11 concerns, and they haven't been studied because the nuclear
12 plants have not been around long enough to study the aging
13 problems.

14 Also, I would like to just as a question for the
15 Judges to try to find the answer to this, it is to find out
16 what kind of health data was taken before the plant ever
17 came into operation, comprehensive, very comprehensive
18 health data of all the people living in the area before the
19 plant went on line, so that then we could compare
20 afterwards.

21 I don't think this data was ever taken, and in the
22 kind of serious study that we would need to really
23 understand the kind of health effects that it is having. I
24 just can't even believe that a plant like this could get
25 running, and PG&E could be so irresponsible not to -- it is

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1 not PG&E, I mean the NRC to allow this to happen.

2 I went to PG&E's Alternative Energy Research
3 Facility, and I have been an electrical engineer for twelve
4 years, and they are dabbling with 20-year old technology
5 there. They have what they call a green energy mix, which
6 is very brown.

7 When I asked them if they would consider allowing
8 the citizens to choose their own energy choice, and even
9 pay, if solar costs more, the people will pay you whatever
10 that amount is, and they will pay, and you can choose. You
11 would have on your bill a little list, and you check the
12 box, and you pay the rate for which energy you want to pay
13 for. The response was that they didn't think they could
14 supply enough energy, even if the people paid for it. That
15 just didn't make sense to me.

16 So I don't really think they are working too hard
17 on alternatives. I called them to do an energy audit, and
18 they did bring me out fluorescent light bulbs, and they were
19 very polite, and very nice people, but I also worked on
20 Earth Day 1990, '91 and '92 here, and PG&E was very hot to
21 participate. After hours and hours and hours of just
22 arguing over letting them even show their face around, we
23 allowed them to be in the Earth Day Fair. The next day in
24 the Telegram Tribune they proclaimed to be a green company
25 endorsed by the Earth Day Coalition in the paper. This is

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1 the kind of thing that we were warning the newcomers to town
2 that this is what would happen, but we gave them a chance
3 and they blew it right away.

4 So people who go around for PG&E painting a happy
5 face on a toxic waste dump, it is really unconscionable, and
6 I don't mean anything directly to them, but I can't
7 understand how they could do their job.

8 This plant was built on sacred Chumash grounds,
9 and I have been there with the Chumash people, and their
10 ancestors -- I held the elder Chumash woman say today that
11 their ancestors who were buried there, and their bones were
12 torn up when that plant was put there, they had been there
13 for over 10,000 years. No other native people have been in
14 one area, same people, same families, for 10,000 years,
15 anywhere in the world, and here these people were. Their
16 ancestors have more power than that plant will ever generate
17 in its lifetime, the power of those ancestors that are
18 there, and that is the kind of healing that will come about,
19 hopefully, when that plant closes down, the native people
20 are going to have to heal the earth.

21 So when PG&E runs their propaganda, and they have
22 the smiling faces as they show the children filing on to
23 buses on an evacuation plan that I get in the mail on
24 colored glossy paper, it is getting recycled now, it just
25 really makes me sad, and I can't understand how grown-ups

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1 can do things like this. It is very irresponsible.

2 I know it is hard for the people, the unions, it
3 is hard to bite the hand that feeds you, so they come here
4 and they speak in favor of it. I worked in the defense
5 industry, and I now call it the offense industry, and I
6 worked in it for six years, and I don't do it anymore. when
7 I was in there, I didn't think I was doing anything wrong,
8 so I understand what people feel, that they don't feel they
9 are doing anything wrong. But now I look back, and I felt I
10 did a real injustice to the world to take money from the
11 taxpayers to build weapons that will help kill people.

12 So, in the same way, I would ask the union people
13 to think about job security. They think that they will have
14 thousands of years to be watching over these containment
15 things, and the guys from the electrical union will have
16 thousands of years of jobs, but the survival, we are talking
17 about geologic time that these containers are going to have
18 to be watched, not just their own lifespans, and their
19 children's. I don't think anyone can understand what
20 geological time is unless they really stop and think about
21 it.

22 One other last point is the jobs that would be
23 generated from renewable energies would far exceed these
24 high paying jobs that PG&E people get paid right now, and it
25 could produce far more jobs through renewables. So, I think

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1 we have a lot of options, and shouldn't continue this plant
2 any longer than today.

3 [Applause.]

4 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Barbara Schaeffer?

5 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: She left.

6 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Stacey Hart?

7 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Stacey spoke already.

8 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Don Hamilton?

9 [No response.]

10 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Larry Garwin?

11 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: He is out in the hallway.

12 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Charles Allen?

13 We will hear Mr. Garwin, if he is there.

14 Charles Allen?

15 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: He left.

16 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Franklin Wakefield?

17 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: He left.

18 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: John Beccia?

19 [No response.]

20 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Larry Bross?

21 MR. BROSS: Thank you.

22 I put my time in the service. I am a retired
23 teacher. I taught for 30 years in Palo Alto. I came down
24 here to retire, but I never did retire. I am banging nails,
25 and enjoy it. I love the central coast. You guys ought to

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1 spend some time here.

2 I guess the way to start, I think what I am is a
3 witness. I bought a piece of property here 25 years ago in
4 Oceano. I asked this gentleman if he knew where Oceano was,
5 it is downwind from Diablo. It is right on the beach. It
6 is a beautiful beach, San Luis Obispo Bay is beautiful.

7 Eighteen years ago when the battle was being
8 fought, and I also fought battles in Vietnam, I came down
9 here. I had this piece of property, a little cabin, and I
10 knew it was happening, and it is kind of interesting. I say
11 I am a witness, and I would much rather speak to you people,
12 if you don't mind. I say I am a witness because I was
13 involved in the protest, and it was a strange protest
14 because in the Vietnam protest, we just got out on the
15 streets, and laid our bodies on the streets. Here in San
16 Luis Obispo County, Mothers for Peace, we had training. If
17 you recall, those of you who were here, there had to be this
18 peaceful type training before you could be involved in the
19 protest, and we informed the cops -- pardon me, I use the
20 word "cops," I am from Brooklyn.

21 We informed the cops, different from the Vietnam
22 protest, when we were going to have a protest. I am from
23 Brooklyn, I disagreed. I said, "We are going to lose the
24 war." Jackson Browne who -- you kids know Jackson Browne
25 better than I do -- Jackson Browne wanted to come down with

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1 a contingent of people from L.A., from San Francisco and
2 hold massive demonstrations, '60s like. The people of San
3 Luis Obispo County didn't want to do that. We lost the war.
4 I got kind of thrown out of the protest.

5 I ask you, if you were trying to build the plant
6 today with this kind of consciousness you have heard around
7 here, and I am kind of really proud of these people, if you
8 were trying to build this plant, do you think you would get
9 to first base?

10 Now you are trying to build a plant for 14 more
11 years, and I think what I should say to you is, beware, just
12 beware, because you are going to see '60s type of protests.
13 No more peaceful demonstrations.

14 [Applause.]

15 MR. BROSS: The people from Bakersfield come down
16 here on Memorial Day, 30,000 people come out on the beach,
17 and now they have restricted it. The State has come in, and
18 they have restricted it.

19 We could bring, we hope, people out on the beach
20 and protest. I mean lay our bodies down. That is the only
21 way we are going to stop you. We know it. That is the only
22 way, because you are here to license this thing, and I will
23 warn you, don't do it. Like this doctor said, just don't do
24 it.

25 [Applause.]

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1 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Bill Denneen?

2 MR. DENNEEN: My name is Bill Denneen. I come
3 from Nipomo, and I would like to go back 25 years ago. I
4 was living in Santa Maria, which is downwind from Diablo,
5 and I was asked to be on a program talking about nuclear
6 power. My field is biology.

7 I am not going to talk tonight about biology, I am
8 going to talk about geology, because the other speaker on
9 the program in Santa Maria 25 years ago was Ralph Verona. I
10 didn't know much about geology. I was going to be the
11 second speaker. My subject was biology. I am not going to
12 talk about that.

13 Anyway, he talked about the Edna Fault, which is
14 five miles from the plant. He talked about the San Andreas
15 Fault. He talked about the Anacimento Fault. He talked
16 about the Los Osos Fault, the Murray Ocean Fractured Zone,
17 and other things. I didn't quite understand what he was
18 talking about, and he said, "Right off shore" -- he took his
19 charts out, and he said, "There is a fault off the
20 shoreline." I remember reading in the paper that said,
21 "PG&E says no fault offshore."

22 I told him, I said, "Something is wrong, either
23 Ralph is wrong, or PG&E is wrong." That is 25 years ago.
24 PG&E was wrong. They should pay for their mistake by
25 closing that plant when their time is up. They made the

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1 mistake. They reversed the blueprints. They made the
2 mistake. They should not have an extension of time.

3 I am short. I think that is it.

4 [Applause.]

5 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Martin Braun.

6 MR. BRAUN: My name is Martin Braun. I am here at
7 first just to be a witness, and see what was going on, and
8 see if Cal Poly would be out here with the students, and
9 unfortunately, going through finals, I can see that they
10 wouldn't be.

11 I live out in Morro Bay, and am a student at Cal
12 Poly, and actually I am pretty shocked by how San Luis
13 Obispo actually came out here, and some other people came
14 out here, and actually coming against Diablo. I think it is
15 wonderful.

16 Being from the bay area, I grew up in the bay
17 area, and I am kind of used to all of that, and I have never
18 been involved with it. Actually, what is getting me
19 involved now is this woman that told me, she is older, she
20 and I had a very good discussion about the environment, and
21 she said, "I am too old. I can't talk. They are not going
22 to listen to me, it is up to you guys, the young ones."

23 I said, "Well, that is kind of lame. You know,
24 you still have a choice, you still can do it."

25 She said, "Yes, but you are stronger than I am, go

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1 for it." I thought about this a lot, and so I started get
2 more involved. I thought back, being brought up in the bay
3 area, I would like to go out fishing. You ought to try it,
4 and I saw something that was really alarming, a big industry
5 pumping crap into the bay, San Pablo Bay.

6 It used to be you could catch fish like crazy,
7 stripped bass, and now you pull out fish that have wholes in
8 them and looked deformed. If you look in any of the
9 regulatories there, you can't pull fish out. If you are
10 pregnant, you can't eat a fish. All right, you women, don't
11 eat fish. Why, because it is filled with mercury.

12 This kind of frightens me because this keeps going
13 on. People in South America, what are they doing,
14 extracting gold or using mercury to contaminate people down
15 there. Now the hot item is rainforests. Well, the United
16 States happens to be the biggest consumer of natural
17 resources, including the stuff to pump Diablo and keep it
18 going. What are we doing?

19 I look at all of us, right, and I take a look at
20 people here that are thinking long-term, long-term. I take
21 a look at people over here that are thinking short-term, big
22 business, lawyers, no conscience, no conscience. It is
23 money now, money in pocket, reaching in your pocket and
24 grabbing keys and grabbing money. It is paying off.

25 I studied computer science at Cal Poly. I was

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1 with the aeronautics robotics competition. We competed over
2 in Georgia Tech and tied for second place. They said, you
3 can't do it. You can't have something that will fly in the
4 air, be able to pick up a puck, and to be able to go to the
5 other side and drop it. They said you couldn't even get the
6 thing off the ground. We got it off the ground. It
7 crashed. Others crashed. But later on we got it there, we
8 picked up the puck, and we got it, and dropped it.

9 People looked at us and said, it is unbelievable.
10 You spent six months on this project. I spent three nights
11 and days, no sleep. We drove -- my wife, sitting right over
12 there -- she and I drove from here to Atlanta, Georgia, in
13 54 hours.

14 If this energy was put into solar and other
15 resources instead of day care centers, or bomb systems and
16 all these other things, we could go somewhere. But this is
17 a signal to me. I learned this in business when I got an
18 A.A. from Santa Rosa Junior College of Business, in a basic
19 business class. This is marketing, advertisement, an
20 advertisement to say, "We are a good neighbor, and we help
21 out the community."

22 If you were a really good neighbor, and you
23 thought that you wanted to promote something else other than
24 Diablo, why not pump money into able minds, students that
25 are thriving to go to Australia Solar Competition, computer

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1 scientists that want to program, engineers. We just closed
2 our EE. We need help. Why don't you help us instead of
3 this fake advertisement. There is another opportunity.

4 That is all I have to say, and please have a
5 conscience.

6 [Applause.]

7 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Sheila Wynne?

8 [No response.]

9 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: John Beccia?

10 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: John and Sheila aren't
11 here.

12 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: How many here in the room wish
13 to make statements, I am going down various lists, and I am
14 not sure I see you, so why don't you come up and identify
15 yourself.

16 MR. RIGUER: Thank you.

17 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Are you on one of these lists?

18 MR. RIGUER: I should be. My name is Ron Riguer,
19 and I live in San Luis Obispo, and I work at Cal Poly. I am
20 sorry, I wouldn't be able to come back tomorrow.

21 Someone said earlier the statement about corporate
22 civic responsibility was irrelevant, and I don't know about
23 that. It is important to me, and I guess you will decide
24 for yourselves, but I do have such a statement to make.

25 I am manager of an arts program at Cal Poly, and I

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1 come here tonight to offer you a brief glimpse, a person
2 glimpse of the measure of community involvement and support
3 that is practiced by the local PG&E division.

4 First while, I note full well that donations to
5 the arts are not at the top of their priority list
6 necessarily. My program has certainly been a beneficiary of
7 PG&E's support, as have others. PG&E was our first
8 corporate supporter when our program really needed it and
9 was in its infancy, and they sustained that involvement
10 through the years.

11 It has been my experience more often than not that
12 when PG&E decides to support a community agency or project
13 that they weigh in with more than just the cash, that they
14 offer facilities and other resources, and that their staff
15 contributed effort and expertise often both on company time
16 and off, and it is this quiet behind the scenes activity
17 that, at least to me, is often more vitally important to the
18 project success than the cash.

19 Beyond support for the arts, I have recently been
20 involved with PG&E on two other projects, first, as
21 president of one of the two local Rotary Clubs, I worked
22 with PG&E's Public Affairs Department on the sponsorship or
23 cosponsorship of two or three candidate forums prior to the
24 recent elections. The support that they put into it was
25 great from my perspective, and there was substantial

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1 community benefit as a result.

2 Finally, and my remarks are brief, in part because
3 I am mostly adding to what Frank Drake had to offer earlier,
4 I was a coordinating Committee member for a community-wide
5 forum for not-for-profit agencies conducted last month, and
6 while PG&E did make a significant financial commitment to
7 this project, their staff also put in a heck of a lot of
8 time, and over a two-day period a very large number of local
9 service organizations, not-for-profit agencies, their staffs
10 and volunteers learned how to collaborate together to make
11 this a better community.

12 In fact, based on my personal experience, I
13 believe that PG&E's design for community involvement is one
14 that promotes cooperation in dealing with community issues,
15 and taking advantage of community opportunities, and I
16 commend them for this commitment.

17 Thank you.

18 [Applause.]

19 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Is there anyone else who wishes
20 to speak?

21 MR. ALLEN: My name is Charlie Allen. I heard
22 that you called me, but I was out in the hallway.

23 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Okay.

24 MR. ALLEN: I just wanted to say, long after
25 everyone in this room is dead, the waste from Diablo Canyon

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1 will still be a problem to deal with, and now I hear that
2 the nuclear industry is trying to say that in 50 years
3 nuclear waste is going to be a valuable commodity. I really
4 doubt that, and I think that is kind of a sick way to pass
5 this on, and act as if we are leaving a gift to our children
6 when we are actually leaving them a tremendous pain in the
7 butt.

8 I also heard a lot of people come up here and talk
9 about the intelligent, and the hardworking, and the skilled
10 craftsmen who work at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, and
11 that is true. There is a lot of very talented people who
12 work out there, but the truth of the matter is that nuclear
13 power cannot be made safe. It produces this waste that will
14 last for generations. There is no way we can ensure its
15 safety.

16 One of the things I was looking at before I came
17 up here was, I was thinking about times in history when
18 people thought things were one way only to find out later
19 that they weren't how they thought they were. Just
20 recently, we had the collapse of the Soviet Union, and a lot
21 of experts in America paid for by our government were caught
22 by surprise. They didn't know this was coming.

23 There are always surprises, always new things
24 coming up. In geology we are finding out new things all the
25 time. Just last week, I heard the found two new faults

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1 underneath the City of Los Angeles. There are things going
2 on that we don't know, and I don't want to hear from a PG&E
3 spokesman, "Oops, we didn't know that was going to happen."
4 PG&E made a lot of mistakes in building the Diablo Canyon
5 Nuclear Power Plant. They shouldn't be rewarded for those
6 mistakes and given extra time.

7 I can remember my first job. I worked at a
8 hardware store, and when I was working there as one of my
9 first jobs, I was doing refunds, and the manager came up to
10 me, and he said, "You know, remember that the customer is
11 always right."

12 I am a ratepayer of PG&E, and I am a customer, and
13 I don't want to pay for nuclear power. That is simple. I
14 don't care if it is safe, I don't care if you believe
15 everything else. I don't want to do it. I don't want to
16 pay for it. I want to pay for something else.

17 The future that I want to leave for my son is a
18 future with renewable energy sources, with compact
19 fluorescent light bulbs, and ultra efficient refrigerators,
20 and solar hot water heaters, things that are not going to
21 pose a real danger to him.

22 Thank you very much.

23 [Applause.]

24 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Are there others in the
25 audience who wish to make statements of the people here now?

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1 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, may I have an additional 40
2 seconds?

3 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Yes.

4 MR. CAMPBELL: This is still Bruce Campbell from
5 Los Angeles.

6 Most of you probably remember back in the Fall of
7 1981 during the large direct action when the engineer came
8 forward with the news about the switched blueprints for
9 seismic reinforcement in the auxiliary cooling system, and
10 that delayed the project for a while.

11 After that, the government accountability project
12 came out to be assistance to whistleblowing workers, and I
13 believe the figure, at one point, was 105 workers came
14 forward with sworn testimony about 3,000 problems at the
15 Diablo facility, but, of course, at that point there had
16 been at least \$4.6 billion spent on it by the time it fired
17 up, so, obviously, the billions would steamroll over even
18 105 workers, and 3,000 sworn problems at the plant.

19 Anyway, those 3,000 sworn problems, of which I am
20 sure there are a lot more sworn problems, and plenty of
21 unsworn problems that have been swept under the rug. The
22 carpet needs to be removed, and examine those problems.

23 Thank you.

24 [Applause.]

25 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Hello, my name is Greg. I

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1 am with Greenpeace L.A.

2 Do you gentlemen know what a mass murderer is,
3 like Christopher Columbus or Hitler?

4 PG&E is that, they are mass murderers. Plutonium
5 has a half-life of 25,000 years. It stays poisonous for
6 250,000 years. My generation has to take care of it. Why?

7 Can you answer that question, please, can you
8 honestly answer that question?

9 Can you honestly go to sleep at night knowing you
10 did something write?

11 I am with a nonviolent group, but sometimes I
12 swear I could quit Greenpeace and go after you guys. Mother
13 Earth is crying, she is asking for herself, and we are
14 poisoning her. How can you sleep with yourself at night?

15 Do any of you have any children, would you take
16 them to Diablo, inside?

17 Anybody who would take their kids into Diablo is
18 stupid, in my book. Little kids, brainwashing them.

19 I was in the Marine Corps., I did my time. That
20 was the biggest mistake of my life, but it showed me what
21 the government really cares about us. San Onofre is right
22 next to Camp Pendleton. If that goes into meltdown, all
23 those Marines are wiped out.

24 From being in the Marine Corps., from being in
25 Saudi Arabia, I have parasites in my blood system now.

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1 Thanks a lot government.

2 You guys work for the government, my taxpaying
3 money, why don't you help us instead of helping them,
4 helping their wallets. There are a lot of us that aren't
5 going to stay nonviolent.

6 Thank you.

7 [Applause.]

8 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: It appears to us that people
9 who have requested statement opportunities, do you wish to
10 make one?

11 Did you previously make one?

12 MS. BAKER: I passed on to the Santa Monica
13 people.

14 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Why don't you make yours, and
15 then we will be back in the morning to hear further ones.

16 MS. BAKER: Thank you.

17 I am Sheila Baker, and thank you for allowing me
18 to speak tonight. What I would have said earlier, some
19 people have touched on. I got interested in indigenous
20 issues a couple of years ago, and learned about the uranium
21 cycle from the Navajo point of view, how it feels to be
22 involved with family that has worked in the uranium mines,
23 and that has experienced leukemias and lung cancers from
24 working in those strip mines, and that a lot of the men are
25 now passed on at the Navajo Reservation from working in

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1 those mines. This is the material that ultimately goes to
2 PG&E.

3 Also, PG&E, as it was mentioned earlier, is
4 sitting on the site of very, very special burial grounds.
5 People who have been in this county for 10,000 years. I
6 believe that is hundred centuries, long before you and I, so
7 the ancestors of the present day Chumash are buried under
8 the site of PG&E.

9 Then we come to the end product. What do we do
10 with the low-level radiation that is in Ward Valley and on
11 the Mojave Reservation?

12 There are a lot of really fine activists that are
13 fighting the proposal to put low-level radiation on that
14 reservation. There are a lot of Indian activists that are
15 fighting it. There are spiritual runners who are running on
16 a regular basis, and that means to call the spirits in a
17 good way that would keep this away, and to allow this not to
18 happen, not to have the products from PG&E to go to the
19 Mojave Desert on an Indian reservation, because people don't
20 want it. There is no place to go with this.

21 I thank you.

22 [Applause.]

23 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Could we have one more from
24 Los Angeles speak before you go back on the list?

25 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: Okay.

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1 MR. REYNOLDS: Thank you very much for giving me
2 the chance before I go back to L.A. I am Neal Reynolds from
3 L.A. You can tell, at my age, I used to be a science
4 fiction fan. I used to think atomic energy was really
5 great. They didn't tell us about the waste, and I feel just
6 the problem of what to do with the waste, this is the very
7 important thing.

8 Comments have been made about people like myself
9 and my friends from Los Angeles, like, hey, what are we
10 doing here, it should be just the people of the county, but
11 we are on this earth. Wherever there is a meltdown,
12 wherever there is an atomic accident, it is going to affect
13 me in Los Angeles, or wherever, it is going to affect
14 everybody, to a lesser event than if I am right here, but it
15 is still is going to affect everybody. So the safety of a
16 reactor in Japan is my concern just as much as the safety of
17 the reactor here. That is the main point.

18 So I do thank you for the time.

19 [Applause.]

20 JUDGE BECHHOEFER: With that, we will adjourn for
21 the evening. We will be back at nine o'clock for further
22 statements

23 [Whereupon, at 10:55 p.m., the public hearing was
24 recessed to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Friday, December 11,
25 1992.]

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