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Commissioner Victor Gilinsky
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gilinsky:

I have no words to adequately convey my admiration for your courage in "going public" with your conviction that the seismic design of Diablo Canyon should be reviewed de novo. This organization agrees completely with your position as reported on March 20, in the San Francisco Chronicle.

Let me emphasize that our concern in these matters is legal and fiscal — rather than environmental. However, the issue at Diablo Canyon is more basic than either environment or management practices: It is whether public policy can be manipulated to protect Pacific Gas & Electric Company from the results of its slipshod engineering and haphazard execution of a flawed design, at the cost of making millions of people who live within Diablo's "area of danger" unwilling hostages to a contingency that can't even be postulated in terms of odds — or human damage.

The hard question we must each answer is, "If I lived close enough to Diablo Canyon that westerly winds could carry radioactive fallout from that location to my neighborhood, how would I feel about having it activated." To put the best possible face on it, proximity to a major earthquake fault is not the best place to install a nuclear reactor!

PG&E is in the position of asking NRC and the public to trust them to do what is "right". Well, this organization will never trust them again. Any earlier entitlement they might have had to our confidence has been squandered in a settled pattern of lies, evasion and feckless management procedures.

It appears that you are in the minority in the Commission in your stand. Don't let this dissuade you. The day is coming — and soon — when your viewpoint will prevail. More specifically, anything we can offer to support you in this vital matter is yours for the asking! Again, we applaud your courage in speaking up.

Most sincerely yours,

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