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Re: Docket No. 50-133 License No. DPR-7 Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit No. 3

Dear Mr. Goller:

In our letter dated March 8, 1974, which discussed projected time schedules for various areas of additional investigative work at the subject plant, we stated that the geology program and preparation of the report would probably be completed by December 31, 1974. We noted at that time, however, that the schedule did not make an allowance for possible additional exploration that could become necessary as the planned drilling program was pursued.

The drilling program has in fact been significantly expanded in terms of both number and depths of borings. One reason for this is that exploration of one of the key faults - The Little Salmon - is considerably more difficult than our geologists had earlier anticipated. The completion date for the drilling is now estimated to be February 28, 1975.

Additional review of existing seismic exploration records has raised the possibility that some limited amount of additional land-based seismic work may be desirable. This would be scheduled for January and February, 1975, concurrently with the remaining drilling work.

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Based on the above considerations, and the fact that a very large amount of new data has been gathered over the past year, it now appears that a finalized geologic report will not be completed until April 30, 1975.

The additional investigative work to date has basically substantiated the overall geologic model developed earlier by our consultants.

Very truly yours,

F.T. Searls

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