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Mrs. L. W. Smith P. D. Box 195 Northbridge, California

Dear Mrs. Sadth:

This replies to your letter of August 17, 1963 addressed to Mr. L. J. O'Cormor, Jr. Commissioner, Federal Power Commission. As you are aware, Mr. O'Cormor referred your letter to this office as a matter within the purview of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Enclosed is a pumphlet which describes the procedures relating to the licensing of power reactors by the Atomic Energy Commission. The public will be given thirty days notice of the date of the public hearing to be held in Senta Rosa in this metter through a notice published in the Federal Register. In addition, a public announcement will be issued.

We feel confident that these procedures and their provision for public bearing will enable all interested persons to sequaint themselves with the details of Pacific Gas & Electric Company's proposal and will assure thorough consideration of all aspects of the proposed plant bearing upon the question of whether it can be constructed and operated at the proposed site without undue risk to the health and safety of the public. However, local soming, conservation and the esthetics of the site are not within the jurisdiction of the Atomic Energy Commission and, therefore, are not considered in the evaluation of the application.

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Mr. Lawrence J. O'Connor, Jr. Commissioner of Federal Power Commission Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

I have read your article in the BULLETIN of the U. S. Army Audit Agency of June 1963. I am glad we, the people, have regulatory agencies of the federal government to help keep our actions in line for the good of all, rather than the good of a few. To do this is a tough job. I imagine you receive more gripes than compliments; hence, I am sending off this letter.

However, before saying "Yours truly" I would like to register my apprehensions, along with others, of the so-called "take-over" of Bodega Bay by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for the production of atomic energy for power. I add to the protestations of the site for this operations, not only for the ruining of a scenic spot of rare and unusual beauty, but for causing severe damage to this fishing industry there. It would be wonderful indeed in this "land of the free" if we could hear public debate on this subject. From all I can gather, "PG&E" is railroading this project through.

Possibly this letter should be forwarded to the head of the Atomic Energy Commission (a Californian, I understand). If so, would it be possible for you to do so.

Sincerely.

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Mrs. L. W. Smith
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Northridge, California

C Dear Mrs. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of July 17 commenting upon my recent article in the Bulletin of the U.S. Army Audit Agency.

O Division of Licensing and Regulation of the Atomic Energy Commission in order that the AEC may be informed of your concern with respect to the proposed Bodega Bay nuclear project of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Although the California Public Utilities Commission has granted a certificate for the project, the Atomic Energy Commission will hold hearings with regard to the safety

The Federal Power Commission has no regulatory responsibility in connection with this project.

Sincerely.

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