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Mr. Craig Merrihue  
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Dear Mr. Merrihue:

This replies to your letter of May 27, 1963 addressed to Chairman Seaborg concerning the proposed construction of a nuclear power reactor at Bodega Head.

As you are perhaps aware, at the Commission's request, the U. S. Geological Survey has been conducting a thorough field study of the geology of Bodega Head for the past several weeks. Furthermore, recognized experts have been retained to assist the AEC staff in evaluating the seismology of the area and the structural design of the proposed facility. Final action on the Pacific Gas & Electric Company application will not be taken until the report by the U. S. Geological Survey has been received and evaluated and the Commission is convinced that the proposed plant can be constructed at the site without endangering the public health and safety.

Enclosed is a pamphlet 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 at Santa Rosa, California in this matter through a notice published in the Federal Register. In addition, a public announcement will be issued.

Since the Pacific Gas & Electric Company application is currently being reviewed by the Atomic Energy Commission staff, it would not be appropriate at this time for me to discuss the merits of this specific proposal. However, I believe I should point out that according to the Pacific Gas & Electric Company application, the reactor will not be located "on top of the San Andreas fault" but

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some 1,000 feet west of the western boundary of the fault zone. The precise distance from the fault zone is one of the matters which the U. S. Geological Survey has been asked to determine in its study. Licensing questions and the esthetics of the site are not within the jurisdiction of the Atomic Energy Commission and, therefore, are not considered in the course of the review and evaluation of the application.

We feel confident that these procedures and their provision for public hearing will enable all interested persons to acquaint 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.

Sincerely yours,

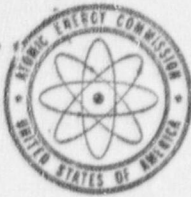
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Miss Elizabeth Jeffe  
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Sonoma County, California

Dear Miss Jeffe:

This refers to your letter of May 22, 1963, in which you expressed concern with respect to the proposed construction of a nuclear power reactor at Bodega Head, California particularly regarding the proximity of the proposed site to the San Andreas Fault.

At the Commission's request, the U. S. Geological Survey has been conducting a thorough field study of the geology of Bodega Head since early May. In addition, expert consultants have been retained to assist the AEC Regulatory Staff in evaluating Pacific Gas & Electric Company's application with respect to the seismology of the area and structural design of the proposed plant. Final action on the Pacific Gas & Electric Company application will not be taken until the report by the U. S. Geological Survey has been received and evaluated. Further, a construction permit will not be issued unless the Commission, following a public hearing and a decision by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board and consideration of all factors bearing upon safety is convinced that the facility can be constructed and operated at the proposed location without undue risk to the health and safety of the public.

Enclosed is a pamphlet 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 at Santa Rosa in this matter through a notice published in the Federal Register. In addition, a public announcement will be issued.

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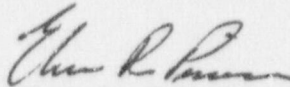
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Sincerely yours,



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