

Dear Mr. Cohelan:

This replies to your letter of August 17, 1964, with which you enclosed written material which you received from the Executive Board of the Northern California Association to Preserve

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company's application to construct a reactor on Bodega Head, is before the Commission as a regulatory matter and is currently being evaluated by the Commission's regulatory staff. You will understand, therefore, that it would be inappropriate for me to comment at this time on its merits.

However, I understand that by separate letter the regulatory staff will provide you with comments on the matters raised by the Association.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Chairman

Honorable Jeffrey Cohelan  
House of Representatives

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Dear Mr. Cohelan:

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The Pacific Gas and Electric Company's application, for a license to construct a reactor on Bodega Head, is before the Commission as a regulatory matter and is currently being evaluated by the Commission's regulatory staff. You will understand, therefore, that it would be inappropriate for me to comment at this time on its merits.

I have, however, forwarded the information which you furnished to Dr. Marvin M. Mann, Acting Director of Regulation. Enclosed is his memorandum.

Also enclosed is the material furnished you by the Association.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

Honorable Jeffrey Cohelan  
House of Representatives

Enclosures:

1. Memorandum
2. The Battle of Bodega Bay
3. The Lagoona Beach Plant - an Example
4. Press clippings
5. Dissenting Opinion
6. Earthquakes, The Atom, and Bodega Head

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INFORMATION FURNISHED REPRESENTATIVE COHELAN  
BY THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION TO  
PRESERVE BODEGA HEAD AND HARBOR

I have examined the material which Representative Jeffrey Cohelan received from the Northern California Association to preserve Bodega Head and Harbor. Much of the information presented has previously been brought to our attention by that or other organizations or individuals interested in the proposed Bodega nuclear power reactor.

The safety of the proposed plant is under study by the regulatory technical staff, and is the issue which will be before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board at a public hearing, required by law, which will be held at a future date. The Commission has announced that the hearing will be held at Santa Rosa, California. I am enclosing a copy of a pamphlet which describes the Commission's procedures relating to the licensing of power reactors.

A critical review of all information relating to the safety of this reactor, including the material forwarded by the Congressman, is presently underway as part of the regulatory staff study. The completed study will be in the form of the staff's hazards analysis which will be presented at the public hearing. We shall send a copy of the hazards analysis to Congressman Cohelan when it is placed in the Public Document Room prior to the hearing.

In connection with the geologic and seismic aspects of the proposed site, the services of the U. S. Geological Survey and the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey as well as those of other experts are being utilized by the Commission. Much information on these subjects and others relating to safety is already a part of the public record in this matter, and is available for inspection by interested persons at the AEC Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at its office at 2111 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, California.

"The Dissenting Opinion" by the Honorable William M. Bennett, President, California Public Utilities Commission, raises questions regarding the effect which operation of the proposed reactor would have on the public health and safety. As mentioned above, these questions are now under study by the regulatory staff. The questions of "public convenience and necessity," and the effect which the reactor might have on the aesthetics of the proposed site, are considerations within state and local jurisdiction, and are not within the purview of the Atomic Energy Commission.

*Marvin M. Mann*  
Acting Director of Regulation

Enclosure:

Pamphlet

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Representative Cohelan Letter

*To Marvin*

Originally, a letter to Representative Cohelan was prepared for the Chairman's signature. That letter transmitted a memorandum signed by the Acting Director of Regulation commenting on written material furnished Cohelan by Pesonen. This was a format previously used by Dr. Seaborg.

Bob O'Neill in congressional communication, called on Wednesday, September 16, a.m., to say that Mrs. Bunting, as Acting Chairman, preferred to state in her letter to Cohelan that a letter from the regulatory staff, concerning the matters raised by Pesonen, would follow. I understand that she discussed this with Bud Schur who agreed. Congressional communications, therefore, has rewritten Mrs. Bunting's letter to Cohelan and I have attached a copy of it as described by telephone. I have also revised our memorandum to the form of a letter from the Acting Director of Regulation, to Representative Cohelan. Congressional communications has retained the enclosures received from Cohelan and will attach them to our outgoing letter. It is desirable that our letter to Cohelan follow shortly after Mrs. Bunting's letter.

Charles T. Edwards

Attachments:

1. Pink cpy of original correspondence
2. ~~Memorandum~~<sup>copy</sup> letter fm Mrs. Bunting to Cohelan

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