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Docket No. 50-205

OCT 15 1963

Miss Claudia L. Orsborne  
793 California Street  
Apartment # 25  
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Orsborne:

This replies to your letters dated August 16, 1963 addressed to President Kennedy and Chairman Seaborg concerning the nuclear power reactor proposed for construction at Bodega Bay, California.

At the Commission's request, the U. S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, has been conducting a thorough field study of the geology of Bodega Bay 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. The Coast and Geodetic Survey of the U. S. Department of Commerce also is assisting us in our evaluation of the seismology.

A report dated September 25, 1963 setting forth the results of field work at the site through June 6, 1963 has been submitted to the Atomic Energy Commission by the Department of the Interior. A copy of an AEC public announcement concerning the report is enclosed. You will note that a further geological report has been requested from the Department of the Interior.

Final action on the Pacific Gas & Electric Company application will not be taken until the additional report requested of the Department of the Interior has been received and evaluated. In addition, 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. Disposal of radioactive waste material and the nature of liquid and gaseous effluents are among the matters which are given careful consideration in the review of an application.

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Also enclosed is a pamphlet which describes the procedures relating to the licensing of power reactors by the Atomic Energy Commission. We are 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.

It should be noted, however, that such matters as local zoning and the esthetics of the site are matters within local and state jurisdiction and are not within the purview of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Original signed  
by R. Lowenstein.

Robert Lowenstein, Director  
Division of Licensing and  
Regulation

Enclosures:

- 1. Press Release
- 2. Pamphlet

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Miss Claudia L. Orsborne  
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Dear Miss Orsborne:

This replies to your letter dated August 16, 1963 addressed to President Kennedy and Chairman Seaborg concerning the nuclear power reactor proposed for construction at Bodega Bay, California.

At the Commission's request, the U. S. Geological Survey has been conducting a thorough field study of the geology of Bodega Bay 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. Disposal of radioactive waste materials and the nature of liquid and gaseous effluents are matters given careful consideration in the review of an application.

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 in Santa Rosa in this matter 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 hearing will enable all interested persons to acquaint themselves with the details of Pacific Gas & Electric Company's proposal and



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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.

It should be noted, however, that local zoning and the esthetics of a site are matters more properly within local and state jurisdiction and are not within the purview of the Atomic Energy Commission. Therefore, such matters will not be issues which will be considered at the hearing which will be held in this matter at Santa Rosa on a date as yet undetermined.

Sincerely yours,

Eber K. Price  
Assistant Director  
Division of Licensing  
and Regulation

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Kennedy  
(forwarded to him by Howard Brown,  
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plant at Rodage Bay.

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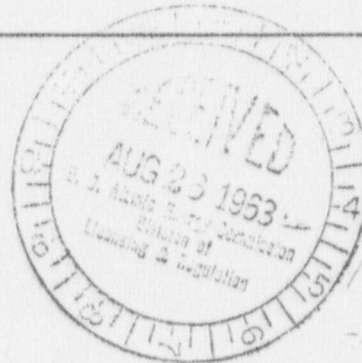
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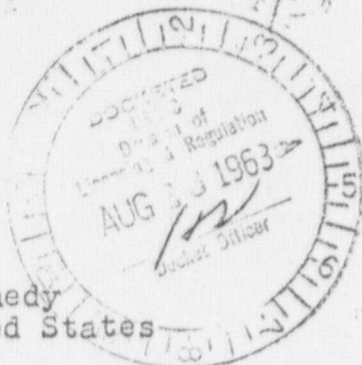
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Howard C. Brown, Jr.  
For the Chairman

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790 California St., Apt. 25  
San Francisco, California, 9410

August 16, 1963

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*(signature)*

Honorable John F. Kennedy  
President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is of frantic concern to a large segment of the heavily populated San Francisco area that the powerful "utility" P.G. & E. Co. is going ahead with its plans to construct an atomic power plant, the largest thus far, within dangerous proximity, namely, Bodega Bay.

Not only is it taking a beautiful area which is designed by nature to be a recreational paradise for choked cities, but it threatens the very existence of the people in those cities and outlying towns by being close to the fault that caused the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. A number of reputable scientists have concluded there will be one major earthquake during the life of this plant, to say nothing of minor ones.

Why this risk, when other sites are available? Why jeopardize lives when it is not necessary? What of the radioactive waste matter that will be dumped into the ocean and the atmosphere?

Once this plant is built, the powerful P.G. & E. will never move it, certainly, regardless of what it does to our big dairy industry in Sonoma County, either.

I beseech you, sir, to recommend that this plant be put elsewhere.

Respectfully,

*Claudia L. Orsborne*  
Claudia L. Orsborne



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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Howard C. Brown, Jr.  
For the Chairman

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Ltr. opposing AEC's proposed reactor  
for Sodega Bay area and stating that  
the Bay's largest dairy industry is  
located in Sonoma County.

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