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Docket No. 50-205

OCT 15 1963

Mr. John G. Sinclair, Jr.  
Sinclair Research Company  
Airport Road  
Littleriver, California

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

This replies to your letter of September 5, 1963 addressed to Chairman Seaborg in which you expressed concern with respect to the proposed construction of a nuclear power reactor 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.

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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 is the practice of the Atomic Energy Commission to hold public hearings in the vicinity of the proposed reactor site.

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  
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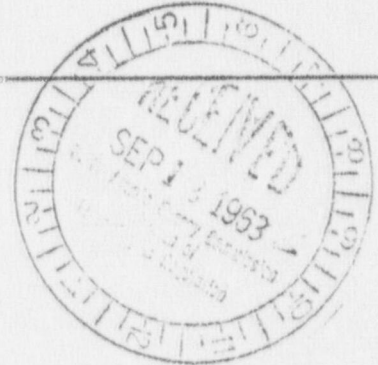
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- For discussion at Commissioners' Information Meeting
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For the Chairman