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In the Matter of

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

(Diablo Canyon Site,
 Units 1 and 2)

Docket Nos. 50-275 OL 50-323 OL

ORDER RELATIVE TO MOTHERS FOR PEACE MOTION FOR A STOP ORDER AND MOTION TO COMPEL AND PGANCE'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE TO ADDITIONAL INTERROGATORIES

- 1. On October 14, 1974, Mothers for Peace filed a motion for the imposition of a stop work order on the bases of inadequate consideration of seismic environment and PGandE's failure to conduct a timely investigation of seismic problems. PGandE and the Regulatory Staff oppose the Motion-citing the Board's Order of April 3, 1974, relative to a similar pleading filed by Scenic Shoreline Preservation Conference. The Board stated the following in its Order:
 - "1. Continued construction of the plant poses no risk to the health and safety of the public, regardless of any geological problems which might exist. Operation of the plant is, of course, quite a different matter. The Board thus feels that consideration of seismic issues is properly carried out in the operating license procedure.
 - 2. Argument that the incremental cost of continued construction could have an effect upon the eventual granting of an operating license is, from a health and safety standpoint, invalid.

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Economic factors cannot be considered in any matter which involves a risk to the public health and safety.

3. Continued construction will neither conceal nor render inaccessible any of the geological features of the site not already affected."

The matter of seismic issues will be considered at the operating license proceeding. The Board expects PGandE and the Staff to be prepared to present considerable evidence on this issue and most certainly encourages all Intervenors who have relevant contentions to go forward with their proof in this area. The public interest will be fully protected at the operating license proceeding. The motion is, therefore, denied.

mitted a set of interrogatories to PGandE. The response was made by PGandE on October 4, 1974. On October 14, 1974, the Mothers for Peace filed a Motion to Compel Discovery relating to Interrogatories Nos. 4, 57, 58, 15A and 63. On October 23, 1974, PGandE filed a document opposing the motion. The Board agrees with the position as stated by PGandE on each interrogatory and, therefore, denies the motion.

3. On October 25, 1974, PGandE requested an extension of time from October 31 to November 8, 1974, to respond to additional interrogatories from the Mothers for Peace. The motion stated good cause for the request and is, therefore, granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Elizabeth S. Bowers, Chairman

Issued at Bethesda, Maryland this 4th day of November 1974.