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Docket *50-275-0LA and *50-323-0LA

Re: federal law requiring NRC comply with local public opinion

Dear Commission Members:

I live only seven miles from Diablo Canyon nuclear plant.

For the past 9 years I have carefully manitored Diablo Canyon, Pacific Gas & Electric, California's Public Utilities Commision and you — the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commision. As we all know, this has been a long haul for PG&E. Yet, PG&E has not fought public fears with a sound record; instead, they have produced an abysmal record of mismanagement and poor plant operation. This has increased public opposition. Public shock at the 3-Mile-Island and Chernobyl nuclear accidents have also led to a lessening of trust for the NRC's earlier categorical statements about the probability of nuclear accidents.

Local residents know the nitty-gritty history of Diablo Canyon: Diablo Canyon, in effect, being rebuilt three times! PG&E stock holders are in competition with rate payers for excusing themselves from the enormous financial waste. Yes, the pressure is on. No federal "dump" is on hand and PG&E, as always, IS RUSHING AHEAD. This hurry-up attitude makes me nervous. Will PG&E put their financial concerns before safety?

I remember the ol' promise made to local opponents: that our beautiful Central California Coast would not become a nuclear waste dump site just because a nuclear plant is here. PROMISES, PROMISES. And just like the ol' garbage barge, nobody wants to take the "waste." So... now P.G.&E. is asking you for permission to dump their -- and your -- garbage in our backyard, and for the next 30 years. "NO THANK YOU!"

Put me on record: (1) the spent fuel pools were not designed for such increased use (2) yet another earthquake fault has just been discovered (3) the risk of the "sawed-off-then-reinstalled" racks crashing in an earthquake is too great (4) PG&E's operating record is poor: I am against PG&E's plan to store at the plant site all of the high level radioactive wastes produced by the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant.

Sincerely,

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