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Docket No. 50-205

SEP 24 1963

Mr. & Mrs. Kelvin Taylor  
3 Nob Hill Terrace  
Petaluma, California

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Taylor:

This replies to your letter of September 1, 1963, addressed to President Kennedy 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 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.

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 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.

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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,

Original Signed by  
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