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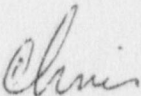
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

August 29, 1963

NOTE FOR: HAROLD PRICE
DIRECTOR OF REGULATIONS

Hal:

The Chairman asked that I prepare a response to Mr. Kent which I have done referring to material used in previous letters. I did not want to dispatch this letter without your concurrence. If it does meet with your approval, would you have your secretary call my office.


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Dear Mr. Kent:

This is in response to your letter of August 19, 1963, in which you raise several questions regarding the nuclear power plant proposed to be constructed at Bodega Head, California. The Pacific Gas and Electric Company's application is before the Commission as a regulatory matter and is currently being evaluated by the Commission's regulatory staff. You will understand, therefore, that it would be inappropriate for me to comment at this time on its merits.

Upon completion of the safety evaluation by the Commission's technical staff, a public hearing will be held before an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. At this hearing, which will be held at Santa Rosa, California, members of the technical staff will describe their evaluation of the safety aspects of the proposed reactor. An opportunity to participate in the hearing will be afforded the public pursuant to the Commission's "Rules of Practice", 10 CFR Part 2, a copy of which is attached.

With regard to the last paragraph of your letter, I wish to assure you that the Commission's primary consideration in whether or not to grant a requested construction authorization is to determine if there would be adequate protection to the health and safety of the public from the potential hazards involved.

Sincerely yours,

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Attachment