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Dr. Herbert J. Kouts, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
to the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Dr. Kouts:

In our staff report to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, dated April 30, 1964, regarding the application by Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a construction permit for the Bodega Bay reactor, we reviewed the pertinent information we had received and stated our conclusions on the Company's proposal. This staff report was furnished to the Committee for its use at the Committee meeting held at Argonne National Laboratory on May 7, 8 and 9. Our staff report stated that the conclusions expressed in the report were subject to reconsideration in the light of any new information which might be received at the ACRS meeting.

At the Argonne meeting of the ACRS, important new information was orally developed concerning the adequacy of the plant design and the possibility of significant design modifications to deal with the earthquake problems.

In the light of this new information which needs to be explored further, we are reconsidering the analysis contained in our staff report of April 30, 1964. It is, of course, too soon for us to be in a position to advise you whether, or to what extent, our previous staff conclusions will be modified as a result of this reconsideration.

We understand the ACRS plans to hold another meeting on this matter in early June.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Harold L. Price

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