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Alliance files Protests in PG&E's multi-billion dollar Diablo Canyon decommissioning and General Rate Cases before the California Public Utilities Commission

The Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility (A4NR) today filed Protests to PG&E's request that its average customer pay an additional \$1.98/month to decommission the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant, and an additional \$10.57/month general rate increase for the utility's ongoing operations through 2022.

In both filings, A4NR's objection is based upon PG&E's refusal to comply with the mandates of previous CPUC decisions ordering the company to accelerate the transfer of spent nuclear fuel from the Diablo Canyon wet pools into dry cask storage.

Beginning in 2008, the California Energy Commission (CEC) has repeatedly called for PG&E to reduce the crowding of used fuel rods in the Diablo Canyon pools. Subsequent CPUC decisions have directed PGE to implement the CEC recommendations and to collaborate and cooperate with the CEC in developing a plan for expedited transfer. In the wake of the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, and the San Luis Obispo *Tribune* also called for PG&E to move spent fuel into dry casks more quickly

The decommissioning plan filed by PG&E on December 13, 2018 in conjunction with the requested rate increases would stop all transfer of spent fuel to dry casks until 2030, allowing a buildup in the already densely packed pools. PG&E's filing makes no indication of any collaboration with the CEC. Even the independent consultant report accompanying PG&E's filing questions PG&E's approach as out-of-step with decommissioning plans at other nuclear plants, and likely to cause significant additional costs for the decommissioning of Diablo Canyon.

A4NR's executive director Rochelle Becker notes, "A4NR is hardly alone in experiencing first-hand PG&E's scofflaw culture, which has become a fact of life in Northern California. PG&E's refusal to expedite the transfer of spent fuel to casks as directed by previous CPUC decisions and CEC recommendations would leave ratepayers on the hook for hundreds of millions in unnecessary costs while increasing the risks to the local community, whether through accident or terrorism."

The Protest for the Decommissioning case can be downloaded at: <http://a4nr.org/?p=4174>

The Protest for the General Rate Case can be downloaded at: <http://a4nr.org/?p=4165>

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