



Opponents of the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant held a press conference Tuesday in front of the state Public Utilities Commission's San Francisco offices to press their case for new hearings. AP

## Diablo Canyon sit-in at PUC

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Charging the state Public Utilities Commission has not acted quickly enough on a petition calling for a reopening of public hearings on the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant, a delegation of residents of San Luis Obispo County began an "extended sit-in" at the commission's offices in the state building Tuesday.

Mary Culver, a member of Mothers For Peace in the south coastal county, said economic issues, public sentiment concerning nuclear plants,

knowledge of earthquake faults in the vicinity of Diablo Canyon, and power needs have all changed since construction of the plant was approved 13 years ago.

She said the San Francisco vigil will continue during regular business hours until the commission acts on the petition.

A spokesman for the PUC said staff members are analyzing the petition, but it may not be until the commission's Aug. 5 conference that the issue will receive formal consideration.