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**Editorial****PUC should take 2nd  
look at Diablo plant**

In 1967 the California Public Utilities Commission conducted hearings and issued a "certificate of public convenience and necessity" which allowed the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. to proceed with the construction of its Diablo Canyon nuclear plant.

In the 13 years since:

- An earthquake fault (the Hosgri) has been discovered 2½ miles from the plant.
- The disaster at Three Mile Island took place.
- No solution to the problem of disposing of radio active waste has been found.
- No proper evacuation plan for the area surrounding Diablo canyon has been drawn up.

In past days a delegation from San Luis Obispo County has been peacefully sitting in the lobby of the Public Utilities Commission office in San Francisco. Members of the delegation have talked to some commissioners. Their purpose:

To persuade the commission to reopen hearings concerning the "public convenience and necessity" of the Diablo plant in view of what has and has not happened since 1967.

We hope the commissioners, who include Vernon Sturgeon, a former long-time resident of San Luis Obispo, will agree the request to

reopen hearings is reasonable and will grant it.

As well as seeking hearings concerning Diablo Canyon as a nuclear plant, the group has asked the commissioners to order a study of all non-nuclear alternatives, including abandonment of the plant.

Also asking the commissioners to order a study concerning converting the Diablo operation from nuclear to some other energy-producing source are the city councils of San Luis Obispo and Pismo Beach, Congressman Leon Panetta, San Francisco county supervisors, the San Francisco city council, the Berkeley city council, The California Democratic Council, the Northern California Ecumenical Council, Assemblyman Willie Brown and Assemblyman Henry Mello.

These are all responsible citizens and groups.

If we knew in 1967 what we know today and what we know we don't know today, it is doubtful that the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. would have had as easy a time of it in obtaining permission to develop Diablo.

It's time for the Public Utilities Commission to order a second look at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power complex.