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PETITION DEMANDING REJECTION OF LICENSE RENEWAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS PENDING SEISMIC STUDIES OF ON AND OFFSHORE SEISMIC HAZARDS AT CALIFORNIA'S OPERATING NUCLEAR REACTORS

The following citizens and ratepayers of California ask that the CPUC <u>deny</u> any utility requests to fund license renewal applications for an additional twenty years of nuclear reactor operation. The tragic and costly nuclear catastrophe at Fukushima makes it clear that assumptions of seismic safety at nuclear facilities must be reevaluated. The CPUC, the California Energy Commission, and the Coastal Commission have all declared that the *full development* of the AB1632 seismic studies must be completed and independently peer-reviewed before license renewal at either Diablo Canyon or San Onofre Nuclear power plants can proceed. Lack of *independent* review in the original Diablo Canyon licensing led to \$4.4 billion in seismic error cost overruns. California cannot afford to make this mistake in our current economic crisis.

Without the results of updated seismic mapping and studies, our counties and the state are placed at additional risk, as are utility ratepayers. All studies undertaken must be independently peer-reviewed by agencies and institutions outside of the NRC and the utilities. We do not presume to know what the results of these studies will be, but we are certain that there will be impacts to our community. Even though the current licenses for either reactor site do not expire for over a decade, ratepayers are now, or soon will be, asked to accept the risks of 20 more years of aging reactors that produce and must store highly radioactive waste onsite. The lessons of Fukushima make prudent planning a necessity.

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