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Dear Board Members:

We write to you regarding the decision the California State Water Resources Control Board will consider at its November 18, 2014 meeting about requiring PG&E to bring its Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant into compliance with California's *Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling*. As organizations involved in drafting, passing and implementing this hallmark policy, in protecting California's environment, and/or in ensuring the public's enjoyment of the state's coastal resources, we urge you to make sure that Diablo Canyon is brought fully in line with California's policy to eliminate once through cooling (OTC). This can only be done by requiring that cooling towers be installed at the power plant.

Diablo Canyon's antiquated OTC system draws an estimated 2.5 billion gallons of water per day and discharges that water back into the ocean 20 degrees hotter, in so doing killing more than a billion fish in early life stages annually, along with hundreds of pounds of adult fish. Diablo Canyon is responsible for nearly 80% of OTC coastal power plant ocean water withdrawals in California. To exempt Diablo from replacing OTC with cooling towers would effectively gut the state's OTC policy.

As you know, independent expert evaluations before the Board's special Nuclear Review Committee, including analysis by California's energy regulators, have clearly concluded that cooling towers can be built at Diablo Canyon and that they are the only means of significantly reducing the destruction of the marine environment caused by the power plant's OTC system. With California's OTC policy dating back to May 2010, it is now long overdue that PG&E be required to install this modern, readily available solution at the Diablo site as quickly as possible.

In sum, we see only one choice available that can honor the intent of California's OTC policy and protect the interests of the public and the environment: require PG&E to build cooling towers at the Diablo Canyon power plant as soon as possible. We urge the Board to take this action before the end of the year.

Sincerely,



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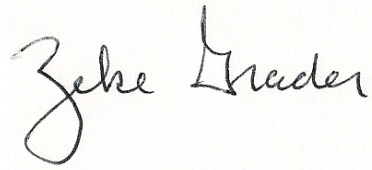


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