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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Michael R. Peevey, President
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mr. Peevey:

By letter dated March 20, 2013, John Geesman, on behalf of the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility, wrote you to state his objection to the fact that he and two colleagues were not allowed to attend a seismic hazards workshop which recently took place in Oakland. The three-day workshop is a part of the Senior Seismic Hazards Analysis Committee (SSHAC) Level 3 process the utilities are implementing in order to meet the requirement to re-evaluate the seismic hazard affecting nuclear power plants imposed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) after the nuclear accident at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in Japan.

As Mr. Geesman notes, PG&E's two earlier SSHAC workshops on Seismic Source Characterization were open to the public. PG&E reiterates its commitment that SSHAC meetings focused solely on Diablo Canyon Power Plant and PG&E data will continue to open to the public. In fact, PG&E-specific SSHAC meetings have been, and will be, publicized in advance in local media and on our website to encourage public participation.

The recent meeting, however, is a collaborative meeting with other western utilities and scientific experts to discuss and evaluate what type of data is needed to determine ground motions in the Western United States. PG&E was just one participant in this particular workshop and we did not have the authority to unilaterally open the meeting to the public. Some of the other participants preferred to limit attendance to invited persons in order to protect proprietary data and promote technical dialogue. In order to take part in the workshop, PG&E honored the interests of these other participants.


Nonetheless, all non-proprietary presentations from this workshop will be posted on a website available to the public at <http://www.swus-gmc.com/>. Additionally, any commitments made or actions taken during the recent workshop that affect

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Diablo Canyon will be discussed during our next San Luis Obispo-based SSHAC workshop, which will be open to the public.

Finally, I want to assure you that multiple layers of public and independent review exist in this process to update the seismic hazard analysis, including independent peer review of all data from the advanced seismic studies, public and technical expert participation meetings, and a full review of all data and findings by the NRC.

Very truly yours,



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