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## **Diablo Canyon Station - Continue Operation**

Diablo Canyon has been operated safely and reliably in its present condition for decades. There is nothing in the record that would indicate it could not continue to be operated safely and reliably for many more decades. The operator has been diligent in maintaining the plant systems and improving them as technology evolves. The plant has a competent operating staff. It is a source of emissions-free energy that avoids millions of tons of CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent annual emissions that would otherwise be released by fossil-fueled plants such as natural gas facilities. The facility causes non-measurable environmental harm. It does not damage the Pacific ecosystem and therefore should not be required to employ cooling towers, which if required would surely lead to the premature retirement of the plant. There is little chance of a seismic event causing core damage, since the operator has installed very robust seismic damping systems (snubbers, enhanced pipe hangers, etc.). Please take whatever steps are necessary to preserve this valuable and useful energy facility.