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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323]

### Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2); Order Approving Transfer of Licenses and Conforming Amendments

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82, which authorize the operation of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 (DCNPP or the facility) at steady-state power levels not in excess of 3411 megawatts thermal. The facility is located at the licensee's site in San Luis Obispo County, California. The licenses authorize PG&E to possess, use, and operate the facility.

Under cover of a letter dated November 30, 2001, PG&E submitted an application requesting approval of the transfer of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82 for DCNPP from PG&E to Electric Generation LLC and Diablo Canyon LLC. The licensee also requested approval of conforming license amendments to reflect the transfer. The application was supplemented by submittals dated January 18 and May 1, 2002, collectively referred to as the "application" herein unless otherwise indicated.

Diablo Canyon LLC, a California limited liability company, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Electric Generation LLC, also a California limited liability company. Electric Generation LLC is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of PG&E Corporation, the current parent of the licensee. According to the application, Diablo Canyon LLC will become the owner of the facility, while Electric Generation LLC will operate and maintain DCNPP under the terms of a lease that will make Electric Generation LLC responsible for all costs of operation. Diablo Canyon LLC will be responsible for providing decommissioning funding assurance for DCNPP. With respect to authority to possess, use, and operate the facility, the conforming license amendments

would remove references to PG&E from the licenses and add references to Electric Generation LLC and Diablo Canyon LLC, as appropriate, and make other administrative changes to reflect the proposed transfer. The application also proposed certain changes to the antitrust conditions attached to the licenses, which are discussed in more detail below.

PG&E requested approval of the transfer of the licenses and conforming license amendments pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80 and 50.90. Notice of the request for approval and an opportunity to request a hearing or submit written comments was published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2002 (67 FR 2455). The Commission received petitions to intervene and requests for hearing from the following: the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA); the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Committee); the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); the Transmission Agency of Northern California, M-S-R Public Power Agency, Modesto Irrigation District, the California Cities of Santa Clara, Redding, and Palo Alto, and the Trinity Public Utility District, in a joint filing (collectively, TANC); and the County of San Luis Obispo (County). In a Memorandum and Order, dated June 25, 2002 (CLI-02-16), the Commission denied several of the petitioners' requests for intervention and referred the petitions of the County and CPUC to the NRC staff as comments for appropriate consideration. On February 14, 2003, the Commission denied the remaining petitioners' requests for hearing and terminated the proceeding. Pacific Gas and Elec. Co. (Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2), CLI-03-02, 57 NRC 19 (2003).

In CLI-03-02, the Commission addressed, among other things, the changes proposed in the application to the antitrust conditions appended to the licenses, which PG&E assumed would be carried forward if the licenses were transferred. These proposed changes would have retained PG&E as a licensee in the antitrust conditions, would have added a new transmission company (ETrans LLC) to the antitrust conditions, and would have added Electric Generation LLC (but not Diablo Canyon LLC) to the conditions, for the purpose of implementing the conditions. The Commission ruled that if the proposed license transfers are approved, the antitrust license conditions should not be included in (*i.e.*, not remain part of) the transferred licenses. 57 NRC at 36. Accordingly, the conforming license amendments approved by this Order

reflect the Commission's ruling in this regard.

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission gives its consent in writing. After reviewing the information submitted in the application and other information before the Commission, and relying upon the representations and agreements contained in the application, the NRC staff has determined that Electric Generation LLC and Diablo Canyon LLC are qualified to be the holders of the licenses to the extent proposed in the application, and that the transfer of the licenses to Electric Generation LLC and Diablo Canyon LLC is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission, subject to the conditions set forth below. The NRC staff has further found that the application for the proposed license amendments that reflect the transfer of authority to possess, use, and operate the facility and the transfer of authority concerning the receipt, possession, or use of nuclear material from PG&E to Electric Generation LLC and Diablo Canyon LLC complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I; the facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission; there is reasonable assurance that the activities authorized by the proposed license amendments concerning the possession, use, and operation of the facility and concerning the receipt, possession, or use of nuclear material can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public and that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations; the issuance of the proposed license amendments concerning the possession, use, and operation of the facility and concerning the receipt, possession, or use of nuclear material will not be inimical to the common defense and security or the health and safety of the public; and the issuance of the proposed license amendments concerning the possession, use, and operation of the facility and concerning the receipt, possession, or use of nuclear material will be in accordance with 10 CFR part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied. The findings set forth above