

**Item No. W13b**

**E-12-005 / CC-027-12**

**PG&E SEISMIC SURVEY**

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

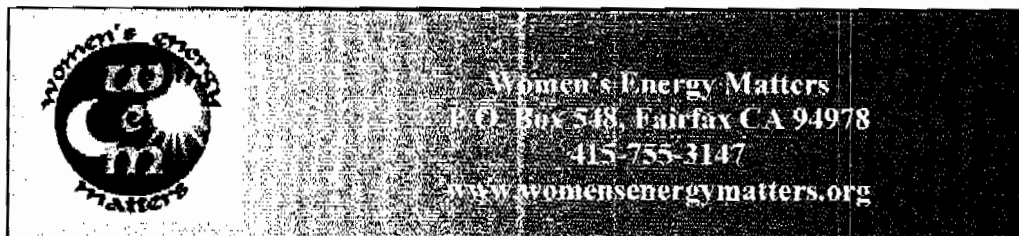
## **(ADDITIONAL)**

### **Letters from:**

- **Women's Energy Matters**
- **Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee (DCISC)**
- **Travis O. Evans & Friends**
- **Maryann Avila & Family with enclosed photographs**
- **52 Individuals, Montara Speaks, Arroyo Grande**

### **Phone Calls/Messages from:**

- **Jean Zukav, PG&E Customer, San Francisco**
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Dear Commissioners:

Please support the Coastal Commission staff recommendations and deny PG&E's request for permission to conduct ocean-blasting seismic tests. They are unnecessary and incredibly harmful, destroying marine mammals and other sea creatures.

Sufficient seismic data already exists to know both Diablo Canyon and San Onofre nuclear power plants are at risk for serious earthquake damage and potential meltdowns. Diablo should be shut down immediately and San Onofre should never be allowed to reopen.

The potential size of future earthquakes and magnitude of ground shaking will remain uncertain, with or without 3-D tests, but we do know that the Big One(s) can happen any day:

- Major earthquakes can occur on what are predicted to be minor faults. Based on scientific data, only probabilities can be calculated for potential future earthquakes. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).<sup>i</sup>
- "Information about how big an earthquake's going to be may not be in the earth's crust BEFORE the earthquake begins" says USGS seismologist Dr. Lucy Jones.<sup>ii</sup>

It is peculiar to say the least that several years of lower-intensity seismic testing has been conducted but the data has not been analyzed.

A detailed story<sup>iii</sup> by San Luis Obispo investigative journalist Ed Ochs revealed that Assemblyman Blakeslee, who is promoting the high-intensity testing, was an Exxon geologist who received a patent for inventing this type of test. Then he became a Strategic Planner, responsible for creating and managing Exxon's budgets. (According to Feb. 10, 2012 Testimony to CA Public Utilities Commission of State Senator Sam Blakeslee.)

His behavior strongly suggests that this PG&E project is a Trojan horse for oil and gas interests to explore the California coast and force utility ratepayers to foot the bill for it.

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I urge the Commission to reject this project entirely.

Sincerely,

/s/Barbara George

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Barbara George  
Executive Director

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<sup>i</sup> <http://www.usgs.gov/faq/index.php?action=artikel&cat=120&id=1658&artlang=en>

<sup>ii</sup> <http://sanonofresafety.org/2012/09/02/earthquake-size-is-unpredictable-says-usgs-seismologist/>

<sup>iii</sup> <http://www.rockofthecoast.com/2012/10/28/drs-gibson-blakeslee-and-their-amazing-underwater-seismic-mri-machine/>

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## DIABLO CANYON INDEPENDENT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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November 9, 2012

Mary Shallenberger, Chair  
California Coastal Commission  
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Re California Coastal Commission's Consideration of  
Application No. E-12-005 and CC-027-12 (PG&E);  
November 14, 2012, Agenda Item 13.b.

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Honorable Commissioners:

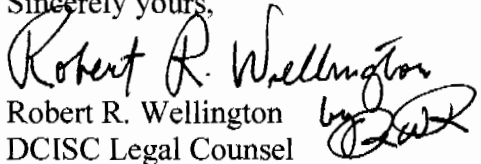
The Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee (DCISC) was established by the California Public Utilities Commission in 1989 and its three members are appointed by the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Chairperson of the California Energy Commission respectively. The Committee's charge is to review Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) operations for the purpose of assessing the safety of operations.

For some time now the DCISC has been following the efforts by PG&E to better understand the seismic hazard at the DCPP site. In August 2012, during the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors' consideration of this important matter, the Committee provided the enclosed letter to the Board. Because the DCISC Members understand the Commission at its meeting on November 14, 2012, is to consider PG&E's Application to conduct offshore high energy three-dimensional studies the Committee respectfully requests that this letter, together with the Committee's letter of August 8, 2012, be included with the comments and correspondence received by the Commission when the matter is taken under consideration next week.

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On behalf of the Committee, thank you for your attention to the enclosed comments and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require anything further concerning this request. The DCISC is of course available to provide any additional information that you or any member of the Commission might want, or to answer any questions either about our Committee more generally or about this specific technical issue.

Sincerely yours,

  
Robert R. Wellington  
DCISC Legal Counsel

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cc: DCISC Members  
Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
Mr. Edward D. Halpin - Senior Vice President & Chief Nuclear Officer, PG&E  
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CENTRAL COAST AREA

November 7, 2012

Dear Deputy Director,

We are writing to ask you to vote against any further seismic blasting by P. G. & E. off of the California Central Coast. This is not a safety issue, as P. G. & E. claims. This is an environmental issue. Hundreds of us protested the building of a nuclear-powered plant near an earthquake fault back in the 1960s. It was a mistake then, and it still is. No amount of seismic testing can prevent a natural occurrence such as an earthquake. Our Federal and State governments have spent millions on research through marine protective zones, no fishing-no take zones, a coastwise Rock Cod conservation zone, etc. Seismic sound waves travel faster and farther in water than in air and since there is no protective barrier for the above-mentioned areas, they are certain to be impacted. Juvenile fish and crab are harmed by such sharp noises even a few hundred feet away.

Our nation has a surplus of natural gas. At current prices, P. G. & E. could generate electricity for about two cents a kilowatt. Then we wouldn't need seismic blasting, or wonder how to dispose of spent nuclear fuel rods. We strongly urge you to vote in favor of good stewardship of our environment.

Thank you for your help. Sincerely,

Travis O. Evans

Katherine R. Evans

Janice R. Evans

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November 2, 2012

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**RE: Opposition to Pacific Gas & Electric Seismic Survey:  
Consistency Certification and Coastal Development Permit (E-12-005  
and CC-027-12**

Comments on Proposed High Energy Seismic Survey (HESS) off  
OUR coast

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Honorable Commissioners,

Thank You for Allowing us to email and fax our concerns for PG&E's  
proposed Seismic Testing off our Coast and in Marine Protected Areas.

I want to tell you why I do not want this Seismic Testing done besides the  
damage it will cause to our Marine Life, Our Economy, Our Ocean.

I have been fighting to Stop this Seismic Testing issue and talking with  
many people in our community about this for months. I have not found  
many who are for this test. I understand an earthquake fault is the issue.  
However, PG&E has already publicly said they will make no improvements  
to Diablo regardless of the results of this test---None what so ever.

I wish to share a short story with you. I recently traveled to Florida to care  
for my dying mother. Upon my return, I was met by my Grand daughter at  
the airport. She was in tears begging me to save her Seals. I am a local  
Photographer who takes my Grand Children with me to photograph our  
local wildlife. She had heard while I was gone that Seals and Whales will  
have their ears blown out. I promised her I would do everything in my  
power to make sure that would not happen.

We are Stewards of the world we live in. It is our responsibility to make sure

we do not leave our Children and Grand Children a large mess to clean up. We have already made a mess on the land, and we do not need to destroy our Ocean and Marine Life also.

Someone needs to speak for the Children. That is what I am doing, Speaking for my Grand Children and the Children of the world. We all know that this test is bad. It is really an Insane Idea. We all know the facts about Seismic Testing and the results it has on Marine Life from around the world. The problem is that it takes so long to prove the biological devastation caused by seismic testing.

I am begging you to Please think of the Children. We have 27 miles of beach here in the Five Cities Area, and at least double that in the Morro Bay and Cayucos areas. I do not wish for Children to have Images of dead and dying Whales, Elephant Seals, Sea Otters, Harbor Seals, Sea Lions, Dolphin, Porpoise, and other marine life burned in their brains. I don't want our children to have Visions of Death like the war coverage of the 60's that was displayed nightly on our evening news. Visions of death---Our Children have enough to worry about as it is.

I do not want to see our citizens rushing to our beaches with towels and buckets trying to save Whales, Dolphin, Porpoise, and Children crying."save them save them." I know this is what will happen...PG&E has already admitted animals will die. It is not cost effective for any of us. It will not make Diablo Nuclear Power and Waste Plant any safer. It will destroy our Marine Life and destroy and harm the minds of our young people with visions of death. PG&E admits Death.

Sea Otters are already being Harassed by capturing, implanting, tagging and being let go for a study to see how they will react to Seismic Testing. They are Harassing them to find out if they will be Harassed, an Insane Idea. I don't see reason behind the actions and the Science gained. I cannot agree with this action. To me, someone put the cart before the horse.

This tagging was listed in PG&E's request for permit that has not been granted yet. How can someone start a job without a Permit that has not been granted? I know all about the old 2005 permit they are using. It is not right. If Otters needed this kind of study, the permit should have been funded and the study started many years ago.



This is-A Study to See How Otters will have their brains blown out---  
Funded by PG&E on a seismic test that has not been permitted yet, and All  
because PG&E wants to be ready to start the testing if they get their permit.

What should have happened is the process of getting the permit should have  
played out. Once they got the permit, then capture, implant, tag and study.  
Not hurry up, use an old permit, so If PG&E gets their permit, they cannot  
worry about having to Capture, Implant, tag and study our Otters. Like I  
said. If it wasn't to get ready to rush this Seismic Testing. Why wasn't the  
Capture, Implant, Tag and Study done years ago to establish a base line?

This Insane Idea has red flags popping up everywhere. It borders on  
breaking the law by Harassing to see if a species will be Harassed. I am  
imploring you all: Think about the Children. Please keep in mind what our  
Children want.

When my Grand Daughter begged me to save her seals. I made a promise I  
would do everything in my power to stop this Insane Idea. Our children  
learn by example, and children see everything.

I hope you continue to lead our Children by example and join us to Oppose  
PG&E's Insane Idea. You have made Great Choices in the past with our  
Issues. Please continue to do so by standing up to PG&E and speaking for  
our Children. They do not want the sea life harmed by seismic blasting.

My Grand daughter even said." Grandma, we can use candles or flashlights  
at night. I do not need to watch T.V or play my video games--If it means  
they wont kill our seals--I can do that Grandma." I cried hearing her  
compassion.

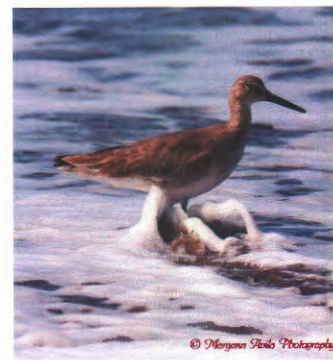
Thank You so much for allowing me the opportunity to voice my opinion.  
Please think about your actions. Our children are watching, asking, and  
counting on us to protect our Marine Life, and Children see Everything. I  
hope you chose to do the same and Not Allow Seismic Testing on our Coast.  
Stand Up. Make San Luis Obispo truly the Happiest Place on Earth to Live.  
Protect it. Show the world we can truly make a difference. I can Assure you  
the world is watching to see what we will do. I have made sure of that.

I have enclosed photographs that I have taken. I hope they will give you a visual of what our children need to see and what they do not need to see. The choice and a difficult choice it truly is, remains with you. I pray you will keep in mind when making your decision the visions our children will have for a lifetime.

Thank You all so much.

Maryann Avila  
Kaila Overman (age 7 )  
Kobe Overman (age 11)  
Grover Beach, California

Visions.. What will they remember?







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**The Children are Watching..  
The things that we will do.  
What, will we Leave Them?  
It's all up to you.  
Remember the small ones,  
When You make the choice.  
Remember that someone Must Be Their Voice.  
Thank you for hearing my Grand Daughter's plea  
It comes from her heart and the message, from me.**

**Thank You**