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Subject: PSE's comments on 076 (electric)

Yesterday, I received a very upsetting message from Phil Popoff complaining about the fact that we have kept the expression: "all reasonable efforts" referring to the obligation of utilities to avoid interruptions. He said he had expected it to be a mistake made by staff and that, it were not so, he would come to the OM with a battery of lawyers to fight it. The message was slightly inappropriate in tone. I informed Dixie and Fred about it. Later, I left a message for Phil, telling him that the change was the result of a consultation among staff members, reminding him that this was only the CP-102 stage, not the final one and that changes could still be made (never said would), that the commissioners had been informed and received a memo on the topic, and that he was welcome to bring his attorneys.

I am willing to take the first shot at answering any question on this topic at the meeting. However, if the discussion turns either too technical or too legal, I would appreciate it very much if either of you step in. I am attaching the portion of the memo to the commissioners that discuss this issue. The language comes from both of you. In this file you have your rationale summarized.

I will inform Dennis Moss and Bob Wallis. I mentioned something to Sally this morning, because I thought that you, Bob, were in jury duty and Sally would be attending the meeting in your place.

Have a good weekend! Graciela

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