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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

CEC Item #8: Magnolia Power Project

As a resident of Pasadena, I am deeply concerned about this attempt to expand gas capacity at the Magnolia Power Plant and urge the commission to **reject the Item #8 petition to amend.**

This project goes against California's goal of reaching 100% clean energy by 2045 (SB 100). It also contradicts SB 887 which requires the state to "substantially reduce reliance on gas plants". If approved, this project would spend \$23.3 million taxpayer dollars from the state's Strategic Reliability Reserve to increase gas capacity for a power plant scheduled to retire in less than 20 years.

The South Coast Air Basin was recently upgraded from severe to **extreme nonattainment for ozone**. Approval would mean increasing pollution in one of the most polluted parts of California and the entire country. **The California Energy Commission should vigorously oppose increasing pollution from power plants**.

The City of Pasadena's goal for 100% carbon-free power in 2030 will require Pasadena Water & Power to exit their contract with the Magnolia Natural Gas Power Plant. Pasadena Water & Power is a voting member of the Magnolia Power Plant in nearby Burbank. SCPPA's plan is not only to expand Magnolia, but ALSO to amend air emissions limits, especially during startups and shutdowns, when gas plants are most polluting already.

If the CEC approves this project, it would be going against California's climate goals, exacerbating poor air quality, and investing state taxpayer dollars directly into expanding our reliance on fossil fuels.

I urge the CEC to reject this petition to amend.

Sincerely,

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