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No gas expansion

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.

California has a goal of reaching 100% clean energy by 2045 (SB 100). Increasing gas capacity is the last thing the state should be doing. Ice is melting near the North & South poles, uncovering more methane bubbles that would lead to more global warming and flooding.

California also has a requirement, under SB 887 to “substantially reduce reliance on gas plants”. This proposal directly contradicts this mandate.

If approved, this project would allow the spending of \$23.3 million dollars from the state’s Strategic Reliability Reserve, which is funded by taxpayers, to increase gas capacity. Then there would not be enough money left to pay for low income people's battery storages for their rooftop solar. Also, if there's no money in the budget for food stamps, then many would have nothing to cook and not be able to afford to use much electricity.

Locking millions of dollars into a power plant that will need to retire in less than 20 years is a waste of investment and taxpayer dollars.

This project means allowing for more air pollution in one of the country’s most polluted air basins.

The South Coast Air Basin was recently upgraded from severe to extreme nonattainment for ozone. Ground-level ozone increases the local temperatures because ozone absorbs the sun's radiation.

This petition specifically seeks to:

“Increase oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emissions limits during startups and shutdowns and revise recommissioning hours, fuel use, and NOx emissions limits”

Increase allowable CO [carbon monoxide] emissions limits during startups and shutdowns and revise recommissioning hours, fuel use, and CO emissions limits”

“Remove recommissioning hours and fuel use limits and to exempt VOC emissions limits during startup and shutdown periods” VOCs increase the amount of Ozone.

Approving this petition would mean knowingly increasing pollution and temperature in one of the most polluted parts of the country.

This power plant is located in one of the most polluted communities in California. It is in the 98th percentile for pollution burden.

This community already experiences high ozone and particulate matter pollution.

Increasing allowable NOx, CO, and VOC pollution will increase pollution levels and will

directly impact the health of this community. These gases are linked to an increased rate of asthma which would burden our health care facilities.

This project would increase the demand for gas from disadvantaged Kern county leading to new high pressure gas wells near so many unplugged leaky abandoned gas wells that greenhouse gases were found to escape out of. Read the Report of The Methane Task Force and see the satellite data.

If the CEC approves this project it is going against its climate goals, exacerbating poor air quality in this very polluted community. I urge the CEC to reject this petition to amend.