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## Please REJECT Item #8 - Petition to expand gas capacity at Magnolia Power Plant

Dear CEC members.

As a public health professional, parent of elementary school children, and longtime resident of one of the most polluted air basins in the United States. I am deeply disturbed by this attempt to expand gas capacity at the Magnolia Power Plant. I urge the commission to reject Item #8.

The project directly contravenes local, regional, and state efforts to reduce air pollution and support greater use of zero emission sources of power.

Spending over \$20 million in taxpayer funds to worsen air pollution in one of the country's most polluted air basins is unconscionable. The South Coast Air Basin is an EXTREME NON-ATTAINMENT zone for ozone. The cost of this pollution is in the billions annually (e.g., associated healthcare costs, losses in productivity, school attendance, and life expectancy) and it is preventable. Residents of our region have suffered from polluted air for far too long.

As SCAQMD supports basin residents in weaning their homes and businesses from NOx emitting methane gas, the CEC needs to do its part in accelerating this transition.

Please REJECT this petition and direct funding to projects that will move us forward, not backward.

Thank you,