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Stongly oppose the Magnolia Power Expansion on Moral Grounds

See attached

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Regarding the proposal to expand the Magnolia Power Plant
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I am a member of [PASADENA 100](#), [Pasadena-Foothills Chapter Citizens Climate Lobby](#), and [Laudate Deum Prayer Network for Climate Healing](#).

I am deeply concerned about this attempt to expand the capacity of the Magnolia Power Plant and urge the commission to reject the Item #8 petition to amend.

We should not be spending \$23 million of state funds to increase fossil fuel use. It will increase local air pollution and contribute to global warming.

We have a moral obligation to ensure a clean energy transition.

Here is how the late Pope Francis in 2023 framed the climate crisis:

This is a global social issue and one intimately related to the dignity of human life. The Bishops of the United States have expressed very well this social meaning of our concern about climate change, which goes beyond a merely ecological approach, because “our care for one another and our care for the earth are intimately bound together. Climate change is one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community. The effects of climate change are borne by the most vulnerable people, whether at home or around the world”. [1] In a few words, the Bishops assembled for the Synod for Amazonia said the same thing: “Attacks on nature have consequences for people’s lives”. [2] And to express bluntly that this is no longer a secondary or ideological question, but a drama that harms us all, the African bishops stated that climate change makes manifest “a tragic and striking example of structural sin”. [3]

Pope Leo has continued this [plea](#) to care for our common home:

What must be done now to ensure that caring for our common home and listening to the cry of the earth and the poor do not appear as mere passing trends or, worse still, that they be seen and felt as divisive issues? In line with [Laudato Si'](#), the Apostolic Exhortation [Laudate Deum](#), published two years ago, noted that “some have chosen to deride” (no. 6) the increasingly evident signs of climate change, to “ridicule those who speak of global warming” (no. 7) and even to blame the poor for the very thing that affects them the most (cf. no. 9).

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I would like to conclude with a question that concerns each of us. God will ask us if we have cultivated and cared for the world that he created (cf. *Gen* 2:15), for the benefit of all and for future generations, and if we have taken care of our brothers and sisters (cf. *Gen* 4:9; *Jn* 13:34). What will be our answer?

Thank you.

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