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Prioritize the Combustion Retirement Scenario and Distributed Energy Resources

Hello, my name is David Kaskowitz. I am a CA resident, living in San Francisco, and ratepayer. I strongly support California's clean energy goals and I want to ensure that the state achieves a true clean energy future.

It is important that the CEC prioritize the Combustion Retirement Scenario and that the plan includes retiring all 200 gas-fired power plants across the State. It is the only scenario analyzed that has major benefits to environmental and human health. This scenario should include all non-polluting resources, including offshore wind and geothermal.

In addition, maximizing distributed energy resources (DERs) can help the state meet demand in the Combustion Retirement Scenario. DERs like rooftop solar and storage, demand response, and energy efficiency are critical to ensuring California meets its clean energy goals.

I am grateful to the California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, and the California Air Resources Board for working on this plan and helping California move towards 100% clean energy. I look forward to continuing to engage and ensuring a robust plan that protects communities, our environment, and ratepayers.

Yours truly,

David Kaskowitz

DERs are a critical part of California's clean energy future and they have many benefits including land conservation, avoided transmission costs, being able to quickly ramp up and down, and providing grid resilience. Investing in DERs will allow California to avoid overbuilding and will help us create a strong and resilient grid.