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Comments to CEC 8/27/15 by Jan Dietrick, Ventura, CA 805-746-5365

I am leader of Ventura Citizens' Climate Lobby that is lobbying Congress to put a price on carbon to make it uneconomic for California to build more gas-fired power plants.

We don't need to burn gas here. My sources say:

1. Edison said initially that a plant was not needed, and we should wait for renewables.
2. The SoCal Regional Energy Network has identified over 200 MW of preferred projects ready to deploy.
3. The Edison RFO deadline gave only 90 days over the holidays, not enough time to encourage preferred resources.
4. Edison is pursuing 300 MW of preferred in Orange County in an area with less people and less solar potential.
5. Why not do a preferred resources pilot for 300MW in Ventura County?
6. Edison has allowed over 600 MW of Renewable contracts to expire in first 6 months of 2015.
7. Edison indicates that they received hundreds of MW of renewable proposals in the RFO but only selected 13MW.
8. The decision to procure 290MW was BEFORE the McGrath Peaker was installed adding 49MW of capacity.
9. There are plenty of interior locations along the 220 KV circuits but Edison created a false requirement to site at the end of that line. I have heard that they just want to keep charging ratepayers for maintenance of that line and without a power plant at the end of it they have no reason to keep the line.
10. Edison peak demand continues to decline. Why aren't they waiting for completion of the Long Term Procurement Plan for 2014?

If the planners think that we need more MW in Ventura County, then please give renewables a chance and ask SCE to redo the Request for Offers giving companies a full 6 months to prepare offers for renewable only.

Submitted by Alessandro Neri