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Ladies & Gentlemen:

Puente Power Project [P³], Oxnard
Hearing / Workshop, July 21st

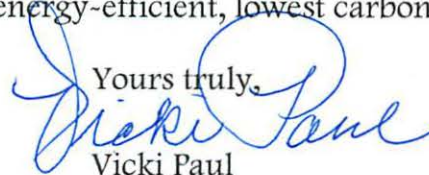
The rhetoric from the public comments at your “hearing” on P³ in Oxnard last week might be misconstrued as yet-another *Not In My Backyard* harangue. It is important to notice that in fact, the repetitious remarks about location really stemmed from the frustration of residents that with 70 percent of people in Oxnard being Hispanic and even more struggling to just feed their children, they feel preyed upon by an Old-Boy network where white bureaucrats automatically exploit the Have-Nots and dump hardship on them whenever possible. A key observation was that P³'s installation never would be suggested in a prosperous, self-styled community.

It was clear that your staff put in much hard work to justify Puente, but some of it was mangled by resting on false assumptions. The key one is that a natural-gas fired plant was a technological *bridge*. ‘Not so; nat-gas is obsolete. It is a fossil fuel, and its industry would want us to believe that we may be excused for its use. It is only a very poor choice that will do major damage. There are many positive alternatives. The report’s section on alternatives was unimaginative and, to my view, incomplete allowing NRG’s application an open road to approval. The sense of those in attendance was that your commission was finished considering the public and that it was a “done deal” *[sic]*.

Please note that your website, when giving directions to your offices, states: *If you’re coming to the Energy Commission, we recommend that you use the most energy-efficient, lowest carbon emitting method possible.* This is the kind of thing that Oxnard people respond to as ethical hypocrisy. The proposed plant’s **CO₂ emissions** were expressed in metric tons. Converted to TONS, they would be 319,670.28 tons per year. Times the 30-year life of the facility, that would be 9,590,108.4 tons of pollution: over **9½ million tons of greenhouse gases** thrown into the sky which will intensify the drought in Manteca, raise sea level in Humboldt, bleach coral reefs in Guam (and everywhere), warm and acidify the oceans, increase frequency and intensity of storms in the Mid-West, etc.

I implore the Commission to **reject** this proposal and start over regardless of inconvenience. We all really need to find “the most energy-efficient, lowest carbon-emitting method possible.” The P³ is the opposite.

Yours truly,



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