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Thank you, Commissioners Janea Scott and Karen Douglas, for coming to our community to take comments on the PSA.

What I have noticed in going over the comment letters is that there are many, many valid reasons for the CEC to reject the PPP.

The applicant's typical response is one of denying the project's opponent's claims rather than offering substantive reasons why this project, in this configuration, at this location is needed, at this time.

Indeed, really all I can find as a supporting argument for the project is that the PPP can reduce costs for the applicant because of the presence of existing infrastructure.

I have not seen any evidence that this cost saving will translate into meaningful rate savings for the consumers in the service area.

In fact, this power will be sold at peak demand rates. This is great for NRG, not so much for the rest of us.

So why would the CEC approve such a problematic project simply because NRG stakeholders might receive a higher return on investment?

From Oxnard's Energy Action Plan, Figure 2-2: 2010 Total Electricity Use (kWh), Oxnard's per capita electricity usage is 4550 kWh. Ventura County's is 6377 kWh and California's is 7127 kWh (Oxnard per capita is 71% of the County and 64% of the State). So tell me, how can anyone say this Peaker needs to be in Oxnard?

Solar energy in the Tri-County region is about to cross a major threshold: 1 gigawatt of solar power installed.

On the Central Coast, the three county governments as well as 24 city governments are in the first phase of exploring Community Choice Energy and will finish a Tri-County study in late 2016 that will suggest how this program can work in our region.

The Energy Commissioners have the facts in front of them. If you choose to approve the PPP, we, the residents that have to live with the visual blight and the environmental consequences, will know you made the decision based on crass subservience to corporate bullies that when they say "jump", you ask "how high?".

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