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Reject the Puente Power Project in Oxnard, CA

We don't need more power plants. California already has a surplus of power, and many existing power plants are being closed in recognition of this. California is on track to produce at least 21% more electricity than it needs by 2020--more than enough to cover us reliably in case of emergencies" plus electricity produced by solar panels. We are absorbing the costs for the building and maintenance of new unneeded plants" essentially paying for this surplus of unneeded power at a very high premium.

My message: Many recent laws have passed, mandating alternative energy solutions to reduce pollution and these are already underway in California. We need to let these be developed instead of building unnecessary power plants that will only generate profit for NRG and power that we don't need--since California already has a power surplus.

My message:

We need to explore all feasible alternatives and mitigation measures through a legitimate public process, as mandated under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

We the public demand that CEC direct that a new RFO [Request for Offer] be conducted for companies to bid to develop and provide renewable energy and storage options.

My message:

We want jobs in renewable, sustainable energy development, not toxic power plants. We know we won't get NRG jobs anyway" and they are limited, temporary and low-paying.

Most of the construction jobs will go to people from LA County and maybe Ventura County. The most high-paying and skilled managerial jobs will go to people out of state.

The #s: Construction jobs: 48 on average, up to 90 at peak; Demolition jobs: 54 avg, 74 at peak. Operation jobs: 0 (as in ZERO), once the construction is complete.

My Message:

NRG will take advantage of a well-established tactic the power industry has used for too long to satisfy legal requirements without actually achieving mitigation or reduction of pollution directly in the city of Oxnard. Instead, they will use Emissions Reductions Credits through the cap-and-trade program (which is due to sunset in 2020, six months after P3 is projected to go "online" or live!) These ERCs allow corporations to buy and use credits to get around reducing emissions, cleaning up or being accountable for new emissions with a new project, but offer no real benefits to the local residents who are still suffering the toxic impacts of the offending companies' emissions. (CEJA, 14-15) NRG is among the top 10 "large emitters" or polluting companies in the country to use these offsets, who also account for about 36% of the total emissions and 65% of the offsets used. (CEJA, 16) [CEJA, California Environmental Justice Alliance, comments on Preliminary Staff Assessment, 9/15/16]