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Reject the Puente Power Project

Dear Submit your public comment,

I implore you to cancel the Puente Power Project. It is a bad idea for many reasons. Dirty pollution. Dumb economics. Hurts climate. Bad science. Electricity unneeded. Alternatives better.

More gas-fired power hurts California communities. The city of Oxnard already has some of the highest asthma rates in the state. We should be working to clean our air, not stick California communities with a plant that makes things worse. More gas-fired power is uneconomical and unnecessary. Puente would cost more than twice as much as it would cost to meet the same electricity needs with renewables. Have regulators ever heard of grid-scale storage, demand reduction, demand management, smart grids, microgrids, energy efficiency, energy conservation, advanced information technology and a myriad of new means of keeping the lights on without more gas? Does employment matter to regulators? Clean energy solutions can create more good, local jobs in the Oxnard area for a fraction of the cost.

This is an old-fashioned knee-jerk project conceived in another age. It is wildly inappropriate for our own age. Now more than ever, Californias leadership is essential to lead America toward a clean low-carbon energy economy and inspire the world. Backward, uneconomical, unneeded gas-fired power won't get us where we need to be. Locking in still more fossil-fuel-based generation for another 30 years seems quite insane, actually.

Please do reject the Puente Power Project.

Sincerely, Edward Mainland