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Reject the Puente Power Project

Dear Submit your public comment,

I am writing to urge you to reject the Puente Power Project.

As a retired environmental prosecutor of air and solid waste violations, I know that natural gas is not a free pass on carbon pollution. Methane is the evil twin of natural gas and it is leaking into the atmosphere from most gas storage facilities. This project would be damaging to California communities. The city of Oxnard already has some of the highest asthma rates in the state. We should be working to clean the air, not endanger California communities with more pollution.

Additionally, this project is uneconomical and unnecessary. Puente would cost more than twice as much as it would cost to meet the same electricity needs with renewables. Clean energy solutions can create more good, local jobs in the Oxnard area for a fraction of the cost.

This is a project whose time has passed. Now more than ever, Californias leadership is essential to lead our nation toward a clean energy economy we aren't going to get there by building uneconomical projects that lock in more pollution and dependence on fossil fuels.

I urge you to reject the Puente Power Project.

Sincerely, Harold Thomas