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TO: California Energy Commission

I would like to amend my previous comments to the CEC by adding the following issues regarding Calpine's proposed Mission Rock Energy Center. What follows is of great concern to me and to many others I have talked with in Santa Paula.

The impact of this plant, designed to burn natural gas, will be a major source of new pollutants for us in Santa Paula - solely because of its siting: the proposed site is just two miles from our city limits and will be directly up-wind from us most of the year. Given the narrowness of the Santa Clara Valley here and the expected low profile of this style plant, there will be little chance for adequate mixing of pollutants with the prevailing westerly winds before we start breathing its air.

Given that Santa Paula has long been identified as one of the lowest socio-economic areas in the state, health wise, I feel this proposed plant would impact our population disproportionately. You will find here more health related issues such as asthma, COPD, and other respiratory related illnesses, along with heart disease, than many other places in Ventura County. These are conditions all aggravated by pollutants - pollutants that, without this plant being so close, would be much less for this vulnerable population, as well as for the healthier young and elderly among us who will also be at greater risk to develop these conditions.

Further, there is some doubt that this plant, commonly referred to as a "Peaker Plant" with only intermittent use on an "as-needed" basis, might actually become operational more at the frequency of a mid-level power plant. Certainly, were this come to pass, the risks only become greater for us.

The CEC has an expressed mandate, I think, to consider Social Injustice in the siting of future power plants. Because of these health concerns outlined above for our vulnerable population, I think the Calpine's proposal should be taken off the table.

Personally, what I hope to see is the switch, sooner rather than later, to a reliance on renewable sources of power generation. A continued reliance on fossil fuel will not help us get where we need to go. NOW, in this climate of increasingly cheaper solar power options and rapidly advancing battery storage technology, is the time to make the switch. We need your help to do this.

Please, reject Calpine's Mission Rock Energy Center as an unsuitable option to solve our energy needs.

Thank you for considering these further thoughts in your deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,
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