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From: Weisenmiller, Robert@Energy
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 7:54 PM
To: Kirk Gothier
Cc: Gene Nelson, Ph.D.; Michael Shellenberger; Cross, Catherine@Energy; Mack, Grant@Energy; Raitt, Heather@Energy; Barker, Kevin@Energy; Mathews, Alana@Energy
Subject: Re: Letter from scientists & conservationists regarding Diablo Canyon

Just to be clear any emails addressed to me on this issue have been or will be docketed in the pending 2015 iepr. Your comments on the 2015 iepr are also welcome. I believe the draft iepr is clear on its rationale.

Bob

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2016, at 3:42 PM, Kirk Gothier <kirkgothier@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks Gene for offering to continue to take the lead in commenting on the CEC IEPR Update. You've been doing a great job, and will continue to fill the CEC record with critically lacking information and data.

Please also forward to Michael, your 11/13/15 memo to Tyson Smith, if contractually possible, because Michael has expressed an interest in litigation, to push the CEC towards full compliance with Senate Bill 1389 mandates for CEC IEPR Updates, as documented in the preface of these "docketed comments."

http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/15-IEPR-01/TN206418_20151023T095707_Kirk_Gothier_Comments_2015_IEPR_Update_Outline.pdf

As always, let me know if I can help in any way!

Kirk

On Thu, Feb 4, 2016 at 2:11 PM, Gene Nelson, Ph.D. <c0030180@airmail.net> wrote:
Michael (and all CEC recipients)

I would be pleased to take responsibility for that important task for the 2017 IEPR.

So far, it appears that the voluminous docket entries being made by Californian environmentalists such as myself concerned with keeping Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) generating power are being "swept under the carpet."

Ditto for the global warming concerns related with fossil-fueled power generation highlighted by the massive ongoing Aliso Canyon Storage Facility (ACSF) "Standard Seson - 25" natural gas well leak.

Several of us have also provided in-person testimony at our own expense at relevant CEC

hearings in Sacramento, California.

The relevant pages such as pages 313-314 of 420 regarding DCCP (and 237 of 420 regarding ACSF) of the proposed 2015 final version of the IEPR document my concerns.

Maybe we are doing something wrong. If so, I and other interested Californian environmentalists would appreciate guidance from CEC staff to improve our effectiveness.

Sincerely,

Gene Nelson, Ph.D.

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At 01:20 PM 2/4/2016, Michael Shellenberger wrote:

Gene, would you considering handling what he's recommending here?

Michael

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Barker, Kevin@Energy" <Kevin.Barker@energy.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: Letter from scientists & conservationists regarding Diablo Canyon
Date: February 3, 2016 at 11:01:21 AM PST
To: Michael Shellenberger <michaelshellenberger@gmail.com>, "Weisenmiller, Robert@Energy" <Robert.Weisenmiller@energy.ca.gov>
Cc: "Cross, Catherine@Energy" <Catherine.Cross@energy.ca.gov>, "Mack, Grant@Energy" <Grant.Mack@energy.ca.gov>, "Raitt, Heather@Energy" <Heather.Raitt@energy.ca.gov>

Good Morning Mr. Shellenberger,

Thank you for your comments I have conferred with the Integrated Energy Policy Report Program Manager, Heather Raitt, and she has agreed to docket your comments for this year's IEPR. Comments are due this Friday. With that said, you may want to docket the comments for next year's IEPR as well. If you are interested in doing so, please feel free to reach out to her with regard to protocols.

Best regards,

Kevin

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From: Michael Shellenberger [<mailto:michaelshellenberger@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 4:05 PM

To: Weisenmiller, Robert@Energy

Cc: Cross, Catherine@Energy; Barker, Kevin@Energy; Romero, Jana@Energy; Mack, Grant@Energy

Subject: Letter from scientists & conservationists regarding Diablo Canyon

Dear Chair Weisenmiller,

Thank you for your stated commitment to strong climate action and clean energy.

Attached please find a letter to you from NASA scientist James Hansen, conservation pioneer Peter Raven, Stewart Brand and 50 scientists and conservationists from around the world, urging you, Gov. Brown, PG&E and other officials to use your powers to keep Diablo Canyon running, for the climate and for conservation.

Diablo provides nearly one-quarter of California's clean electricity. Diablo Canyon produces twice as much power as all of California's solar panels, 24 times more than all of our wind, and 40 times more than our largest solar farm, Ivanpah. (Data analysis attached.)

If Diablo closes, PG&E will replace the lost generation with natural gas, and carbon emissions will rise the equivalent of adding nearly two million cars to the road. Already California is highly unlikely to meet its 2020 climate goal. Carbon emissions would have to decline four times faster over the next five years than they did over the last 13.

Saving Diablo comes with an almost-certain conservation win: up to 2,000 acres of coastal land that would likely have to be purchased by Pacific Gas & Electric to mitigate Diablo's once-through cooling impact.

If Diablo were to close, 1,000 good jobs and \$1 billion in local and state income would be lost — mostly shipped to Texas, Colorado and the Dakotas in exchange for their natural gas.

Diablo canyon is considered by independent inspectors to be one of the safest plants in the

world. It has been repeatedly investigated, up-graded, and certified as safe by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which is one of the best, most competent, and most independent regulatory agencies in the world.

Irrational public fear of nuclear, not cost, is the main reasons that the percent of electricity generated from clean energy sources globally declined from 37 to 31 percent over the last 20 years.

California was a global leader in turning the world away from nuclear; it could be a leader in turning the world back to nuclear. California could show the world that its hope and commitment to a better world is more powerful than its fears.

You could help play such a leadership role. On a pure kilowatt-hours basis, saving Diablo Canyon would be the most significant climate action of your tenure. Your leadership would have a positive, and historic, impact — not just in the United States, but globally as well. If Diablo closes, it will the result will be a net loss of clean energy during your tenure.

I thank you for your stated commitment to clean energy and climate change, and to your consideration of this critical issue.

The Save Diablo Canyon governing board and I are available 24-7 to meet or discuss any of these questions. My cell phone is [415-309-4200](tel:415-309-4200).

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Michael Shellenberger

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