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This is my comment to the draft of the draft 2011 IEPR Committee Scoping Order.

To quote from your request for comments:

"Public Resources Code requires the Energy Commission to prepare and adopt an Integrated Energy Policy Report every two years beginning in 2003, with an update in the intervening years, to assess all aspects of energy supply, demand, production, transportation, delivery, distribution, and **price**. The objective of the report is to evaluate market trends and develop energy policies that will "conserve resources, protect the environment, **ensure energy reliability**, enhance the state's economy, and protect public health and safety." (Public Resources Code § 25301[a])"

I don't think that the Commission is paying proper attention to the phrase "ensure energy reliability". Granted that the legislature abandoned this phrase when they formulated AB 32 but I believe that the CEC being more knowledgeable than the legislature cannot afford to ignore it. I realize that the CEC is committed to promoting solar and wind energy to generate electricity. Unfortunately neither of these energy sources can generate reliable electrify and if the state forces the use of them in amounts over 20% the grid is going to have real problems maintaining reliability. 20% will cause problems but possibly they can be solved without too much expense to the rate payers. (See price above) I believe the CEC must inform the legislature that solar and wind are not desirable energy sources and that AB 32 should be adjusted to promote better energy sources such as nuclear if they are truly interested in reducing greenhouse gas production meaningfully without increasing prices excessively. I realize this is anathema to the CEC but the time has come to formulate a better energy policy. Please join the rest of the world in accepting and promoting nuclear energy as a viable energy source, that produces no greenhouse gas...

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