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Elimination of New Natural Gas Hook-Ups

My comments below address the proposal to restrict natural gas hook-ups for new development projects within specified service areas:

- 1) This seems to be an over-reaction to a complicated situation that can easily result in great damage and unintended negative consequences.
- 2) It is my understanding that the current operation of Aliso Canyon is safe (based on improvements to the facility required by public agencies) and that the full operation of Aliso Canyon would create no greater risk to the public than the current operation of the facility. On that basis, why not allow the facility to be fully utilized to meet the needs of customer particularly during the upcoming winter?
- 3) The solution of only permitting non-natural gas alternatives for new project power requirements turns the electric monopolies into POWER monopolies. I can not see how this is good for the consumer.
- 4) It seems to be a complete conflict of interest for municipalities that have their own electric utilities to restrict new natural gas customers from entering their markets. This is not good for the consumer.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.