

Jack and Donna Barrett  
William and Dora Dirks

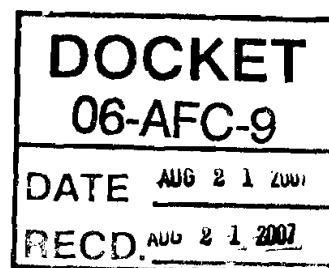
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August 21, 2007

California Energy Commission  
Attn: Docket Unit  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: The Colusa Generating Station – (06AFC-9)



The following letter was sent electronically on August 21, 2007.

Sincerely,



Donna Barrett

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Commissioner John L. Geesman, Presiding Member  
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Dear Commissioner John L. Geesman,

**RE: The Colusa Generating Station – (06AFC-9) – Comments from Jack and Donna Barrett  
and William and Dora Dirks**

We, the Barretts and Dirks are very concerned about our family farming operation, if the Colusa Generating Station project in Western Colusa County, near our property, becomes a reality.

Our organic rice farm is approximately 1/2 mile from the building site of the proposed plant.

We are concerned about pollution emissions from the power plant and how it will affect our organic certification and the long term effects to the soil and future crops. There are no reports in the Preliminary Staff Assessment regarding this very real danger. We sincerely question this oversight as it could have a very significant impact on our families' farm and our future lives.

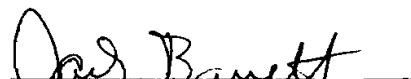
Coupled with the emission problem is the report on noise, which we have read in the Preliminary Staff Assessment. If the plant is sited at the proposed location, our property, which includes three separate parcels, will never be able to be used as a building site for homes for our families.

Four generations of the Dirks' family have farmed this land. Our concern is that the building of the proposed power plant will lessen the value of our land, damage our organic crops and make it very unusable as a home for our children .

We are questioning just how concerned the CEC and the E&L Westcoast LLC are about this very real threat to the Barrett and Dirks Families. To do irreparable harm to a family farm of four generations, and making the property unlivable is a very serious and far-reaching problem.

  
William Dirks

  
Dora Dirks

  
Jack Barrett

  
Donna Barrett