

Commissioner James Boyd  
Commissioner Robert Weisenmiller Ph.D.  
California Energy Commission  
1516 9th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: Oakley Generating Station – CEC Approval

Dear Commissioners Boyd and Weisenmiller:

I have been a resident of Contra Costa County for 44 years and remember the complaints I used to hear regarding the lack of reliable power we had to endure in East County, along with the brownouts in the early 2000's. I understand the California Energy Commission will play a large role in whether or not the above mentioned project comes to fruition, or not. Simply put, please approve the project.

We now have a chance for a clean and efficient energy source in the Oakley Generating Station. This power plant is part of our long term solution, to help take older, less efficient power plants off the grid. I personally don't see any reason not to approve this project. I expressed these same views, and others, when the California Energy Commission came to Oakley last November. I'm surprised the project has not been approved yet and am growing concerned that any further delays could lower the likelihood of this project ever getting built. Oakley can't afford that, not last year, not this year, not next year. We need this project.

Oakley is a bedroom community looking to expand and diversify our tax base. We definitely need the jobs and tax revenue that will emerge as a result of a new power plant. I am old enough to have witnessed serious planning mistakes in our region. In fact, one phase on our brand new Highway 4 Bypass is completely under built and everyone (residents, planners, politicians) is now asking how the experts could have underestimated the traffic demand? Let's try and avoid the same mistake and get this project moving.

Respectfully,

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