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I am submitting this statement for the 19-IEPR-06 Building Decarbonization docket as I could not attend today's workshop.

I thought it was interesting that SoCalGas, known for mismanaging its pipeline maintenance and its storage facilities, is boasting about how gas should be continued as a form of producing energy. When the pipes and wells continue to leak, there's the problem on relying on such a problematic operation.

As far as "renewable natural gas," I am strongly opposed to utilizing this form of gas. It is often collected through a process that adds greenhouse gases to the environment, is not really cost effective, and can even be dangerous as it's unstable. I feel that using this kind of fuel simply "kicks the can down the road" and distracts from the goal of reducing the use of fossil fuels in any form. Of course, SoCalGas is in favor as it is making a profit off of dairy digesters in the Central Valley.

Not to mention the storage of this RNG or biomass in Southern California is not welcome. The SoCalGas storage sites are located near earthquakes. In fact, the Santa Susana fault transverses all of the wells at Aliso Canyon. As experts are predicting that a major (7.0+) earthquake will hit Southern California in the near future, storage of any form of gas, whether "natural gas" or "renewable natural gas" should be eliminated as soon as possible. The chances for a catastrophic event is very likely; in fact, a former onsite manager James Mansdorfer, even warned SoCalGas management about this danger and was actually blown off (by the current CEO) in writing.

Instead, alternative forms of energy that will not endanger lives should take precedence. Incentives should be offered to allow for more transitioning to solar and other forms of providing energy.

My daughter's college housing has an all-electric kitchen and the shuttle service also is all-electric. With the use of battery storage, this could be the situation at every college in California and at major buildings.

With the emergence of new and increasingly less costly technology, these avenues need to be explored and the dinosaur fuel needs to be phased out.

Regards,
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