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This IRP is a disservice to the ratepayers of Glendale. At a time when our state is going to 100% carbon neutral energy within 25 years, Glendale Water & Power is only planning 10 years ahead. They want to build a new fossil fuel plant that will be a stranded asset in 25 years - before the city is done paying off its construction.

GWP did seek proposals from renewable energy companies but they did so with an unrealistic time frame that kept the major companies from participating. The company representatives that I talked to did not think GWP was serious about their proposal because of this time frame and they felt that they were doing it just for show.

GWP's analysis of the need for backup power is flawed. GWP is part of a balancing authority which provides power to each other in times of emergency. Glendale wants to forego that arrangement and build a plant large enough so that they don't have to rely on any other providers in the balancing authority. This is a very expensive solution to a non-existent problem.

GWP did not look into viable alternatives such as connecting to the CAISO at the Eagle Rock substation. While that is a different independent service operator than Glendale's it could be used for emergency power supply. This connection could be accomplished for hundreds of millions less than building a new plant.

GWP has not looked into increased transmission into the basin. Alternative transmission sources were declared too expensive and not even analysed. LADWP is currently putting in new transmission lines and GWP hasn't been proactive about getting space in that project.

If GWP was a for profit utility, they would not get away with what they are doing. They are insuring pollution and dirty energy for Glendale for decades and then leaving us with a stranded asset in 2045.