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Proposal to keep Diablo Canyon open beyond its scheduled closure date

It is unwise to continue the operation of Diablo Canyon beyond its scheduled closure date. Planned shutdown began a few years back. Maintenance has been deferred and key staff have left the facility. In order to bring the facility up to a safe operating situation, many millions of dollars and several years of effort will be required.

I understand the concept is to keep Diablo open for a few years until energy storage is available for baseload generation. However much of that time would be consumed by permitting, engineering, and upgrading the plant. This does not make sense. It would make more sense to use the existing natural gas-fired plants in the interim, while putting the necessary resources into accelerating the construction of battery storage facilities. In addition, maximizing solar and wind generation and energy conservation will lead us into a carbon-free future much quicker.

Beyond the deferred maintenance issues, Diablo still remains seismically vulnerable, additional dry cask storage is needed (which will be a long term situation for radioactive waste, sadly enough), and the once-through cooling water system must be addressed.

Based on PG&E's history, it is hard to believe that Diablo Canyon can be upgraded to be operated safely.

Please allow Diablo Canyon to close according to its current schedule.

Thank you,
Sue Luft