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## **California opened 5 new natural gas plants last year, and we are talking about closing Diablo, this is absurd**

Last year our state opened five new natural gas plants. We also asked the Federal govt. To increase our emission limits from existing natural gas plants. These measures were not enough and now we are trying to extend the operations of yet more fossil fuel plants. Our grid is fragile and we need as much power as possible.

At the same time that we experience the possibility of blackouts and that we are desperately trying to procure every megawatt/h of power we can get, we are scheduled to close our largest power plant, our last nuclear plant, Diablo Canyon, in San Luis Obispo. We hear from activists, completely ignorant of how dire the situation is, that we do not need this power, because solar and wind have us covered, while the reality is that last year we increased our use of fossil fuels because of a decrease of the power we get from hydro power due to drought.

I implore you, you must act to keep Diablo Canyon open. It's 9% of our power, and even better, it's zero emissions power. If we are saving natural gas, Diablo also must be saved, and not temporarily, but for at least 2 decades, until we can figure out more low carbon power sources. Diablo is part of the low emissions future of California.

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