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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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TO: California Energy Commission
Governor Gavin Newsom

RE: Docket #: 21-ESR-01 Project Title: Energy System Reliability

I am outraged to hear that you are considering extending the closing date for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant. Are the 2016 and 2018 closure agreements, negotiated by our elected representatives, meaningless? What about the millions of dollars that taxpayers have already spent on decommissioning costs?

The corporate operator of this facility, PG&E, has been convicted of numerous felonies, is responsible for dozens of human deaths, with thousands of homes and businesses burned to the ground, and hundreds of thousands of acres devastated. U.S. District Court Judge William Alsup called PG&E a “continuing menace to California.” With such a history of reckless operations, we cannot trust PG&E to run Diablo Canyon one minute longer than the closure agreement provides.

The location of the Diablo facility, near multiple active earthquake faults, and its aging infrastructure, are continuing public safety concerns. We cannot allow taxpayer funds to be spent to bring the outdated cooling system into compliance; we cannot allow our dollars to be spent storing more radioactive waste beyond the already planned 2025 closure.

Instead of buying into PG&E’s ploy to keep filling their coffers with our taxpayer funds, we should be focusing on the transition to 100% renewable energy. Stanford University studies have shown that 100% renewable energy is economically feasible. California has everything we need to lead the world towards a clean energy future WITHOUT resorting to antiquated, dangerous technologies and handouts to corporate felons.

<http://web.stanford.edu/group/efmh/jacobson/Articles/I/21-USStates-PDFs/21-WWS-California.pdf>

We have only a few short years to bring our energy systems into the 21st century to avoid climate catastrophe. Every minute spent focused on old technologies is a minute that could be spent moving forward with renewables. Please do the right thing, protect our children’s future and close Diablo Canyon as scheduled.

Sincerely,

Irene Cooke