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## **SB 846 Diablo Canyon Power Plant Cost Analysis**

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The arguments that can be made in the abstract to validate nuclear energy as clean energy do not validate the continued operation of every nuclear power plant without exception. They do not in particular validate the continued operation of a nuclear power plant built atop a network of earthquake faults, operated by a corporation with an atrocious safety record, and located where an accident can render an irreplaceable natural asset unusable and uninhabitable effectively for all time. The Diablo Canyon nuclear generating station provides *at best* only nine percent of California's energy needs. California can do and at crucial moments has already done without it. California made the right decision in 2016 when it voted to decommission this plant, for the cost-benefit picture back then was clear. That picture is even clearer in 2023, as low-cost (and ever lower-cost) renewable energy has become more abundant in the interim. At a time when public trust in government institutions is at an all-time low, the California Public Utilities Commission will only further undermine its reputation if it accedes to political pressure and extends the operation of this plant at such evident hazard to the public good.

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