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Commissioners,

Though mandated to by SB 846, the California Energy Commission is refusing to carry out the cost comparison analysis in a fair manner. By excluding wind, solar, batteries, and pumped hydro storage, the CEC is providing a biased and unrealistic view of California's energy supply.

If California truly needed the energy supplied by Diablo Canyon, then a cost comparison with all realistic alternatives included would surely reveal that truth. The only reason for excluding those alternatives is that their inclusion would show that the energy provided by Diablo Canyon is superfluous to California's grid.

In addition to the exclusion of realistic alternatives, the report also strays from SB 846 by does not utilizing the resources available from 2024 to 2035, as the bill says. Rather, only 2024 and 2025 are evaluated by the report, making it far easier to assert that the closure of Diablo will result in an energy shortfall.

I urge the Commissioners of the CEC to carry out the report mandated by SB 846 in a fair manner and to the letter of the law, by including realistic alternatives and evaluating resources in the time frame stipulated by SB 846.