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RE: Air Quality

It is not realistic to compare the generating capacity of the Puente Power Project, and resultant air pollution, with the maximum allowed for the Mandalay plant and claim a reduction. Neither the Mandalay nor the Ormond Beach Generating Plants in Oxnard have operated near capacity for years. If fact, they rarely have operated at all, even during the hottest weather when demand should be greatest.

It is also important to evaluate the potential electrical generating capacity of the three other power plants that will remain in Oxnard along with the Puente Power Plant, with the resulting cumulative emissions in the same "air space". NRG has stated that they plan to modify and continue operating the Ormond Power Plant after 2020. NRG has stated this in their February 12, 2016 letter to the State Water Resources Board. Also the Mandalay Unit 3 and the McGrath Peaker will continue to operate. Since they will all be peakers, they could all operate at the same high demand time as the Puente Power Plant. The cumulative air pollution must be evaluated.

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