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Why do we need a new natural gas-fired power plant?

"California has a big and growing glut of power, an investigation by the Los Angeles Times has found. The state's power plants are on track to be able to produce at least 21% more electricity than it needs by 2020, based on official estimates. And that doesn't even count the soaring production of electricity by rooftop solar panels that has added to the surplus.

"To cover the expense of new plants whose power isn't needed Colusa, for example, has operated far below capacity since opening. Californians are paying a higher premium to switch on lights or turn on electric stoves. In recent years, the gap between what Californians pay versus the rest of the country has nearly doubled to about 50%.

"This translates into a staggering bill. Although California uses 2.6% less electricity annually from the power grid now than in 2008, residential and business customers together pay \$6.8 billion more for power than they did then. The added cost to customers will total many billions of dollars over the next two decades, because regulators have approved higher rates for years to come so utilities can recoup the expense of building and maintaining the new plants, transmission lines and related equipment, even if their power isn't needed." source - <http://www.latimes.com/projects/la-fi-electricity-capacity/>

Why does a company that had to sell itself due to debt caused by depressed natural gas prices need a new power plant?

"Power generators that sell supplies directly into wholesale markets like Calpine have seen their margins squeezed by cheap natural gas, a surge in renewable energy and subsidies for nuclear reactors in some states. The rout has touched off a wave of consolidation and plant sales with companies including FirstEnergy Corp. and American Electric Power Co. looking to get out of the business altogether."

source - <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-08-18/energy-capital-to-buy-power-generator-calpine-for-5-6-billion>

Why a new natural gas plant when California should be leading the way in renewable energy?

Why on Southern California's last free-flowing river?

Why on land that has such cultural significance to the native Chumash people?

There's no good answer to these questions and this project needs to drop dead.