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- 1) The leading causes of most power outages are problems with transmission lines and shutoffs of power to prevent faulty wires from starting wildfires. A hundred Diablo Canyons wouldn't prevent these outages.
- 2) The California Public Utilities Commission has stated that its extensive renewable energy procurements "will ensure that we can keep the lights on during periods of greatest demand, even as we retire Diablo Canyon and other natural gas plants."
- 3) The concern that tariffs on Chinese solar panels would slow the implementation of solar projects ended in June when President Biden lifted the tariffs.
- 4) "A bunch of solar-plus-storage projects that officials feared would be delayed by supply-chain slowdowns or other economic disruptions ended up plugging into the grid on schedule." -- LA Times, 7/28/22
- 5) Nuclear power plants crowd renewable energy off the electric grid.
- 6) The state has not estimated how much the extension of Diablo Canyon's life will cost ratepayers and taxpayers.
- 7) The ongoing decommissioning process is proceeding on the assumption that no additional spent nuclear fuel will be generated beyond 2025. The more high-level radioactive waste that is stored in the plant's spent-fuel pools, the more dangerous it becomes.
- 8) "Once-Through Cooling" "Diablo's environmentally destructive cooling system" has been outlawed in California. Replacing the plant's ocean intake and outfall would mean converting to a closed-cycle system, previously estimated to cost \$6 billion and rejected for that reason.