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Dear California Energy Commission:

I am writing to support continued operation of Diablo Canyon Power Plant even though it is currently a more expensive source of power than natural gas. Although this plant has operated reliably for many years, like other plants of this design it can have its safe operating life extended to 60 years or maybe more. There currently is no more reliable clean source of power for the state. If one is serious about meeting clean energy goals Diablo Canyon is required along with other future advanced nuclear power plants. Alternative clean energy technologies require water or systems for storing energy to achieve reliability comparable to that of Diablo Canyon, neither of these is readily available in California. Shutting down Diablo Canyon prematurely sends a signal that one is not seriously concerned about global warming. Even Germany is reversing their policy of shutting down nuclear power.

The concerns that some have about the safety of nuclear power are not supported by the long safety record. Even with three severe accidents the safety record has been outstanding with deaths associated only with the Chernobyl accident and this plant has been shown to be an unsafe design and not safely operated. Cost of nuclear power is the only negative factor and if its clean energy benefits were properly accounted for the added expense would show value. It is time to show some wisdom concerning the risk benefits of continued operation of this plant for many more years.

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