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Keep Diablo Canyon online for capacity, climate and environmental justice

First, we need to keep Diablo online through the 20s just to keep the lights on - vaunted solar plus storage projects are all delayed due to supply chain issues that are not going away any time soon, and the once-through cooling gas units that were given second life are aging.

Second, we need to keep Diablo online for at least another 20 years to reduce GHGs and criteria pollutants, which hurt disadvantaged populations the most. If Diablo is decommissioned GHGs **will** increase as gas-fired generation takes up the slack - and many of those gas-fired plants hurt communities of color through their criteria pollutant emissions.

Third, we need to keep Diablo online for at least another 20 years to fuel the transition to EVs - most of which are charged at night when the sun doesn't shine (and the wind doesn't blow on the hottest days when there is a big high parked over California).

Fourth, we need to keep Diablo online for at least another 20 years to keep electricity prices from rising even further. Diablo will be depreciated by 2025 so the only ongoing costs will be fuel and maintenance, which work out to a lot less than current and expected future wholesale prices in California.

Shutting down an existing plant with an excellent operating history that provides 17 percent of the State's GHG-free power (and 26 percent at night, when most EVs are charging) would truly be unconscionable, leading to increased chance of blackouts in the near term and increased environmental harm and electricity cost burden for disadvantaged communities for a lot longer. Please keep California on track towards meeting its environmental and social justice commitments - keep Diablo Canyon online and support a 20-year license extension.