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Diablo Canyon Operation needs to be extended

I am providing this comment as a concerned citizen and would like to express my concerns regarding plans to close the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. Closing the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, which produces 10% of the state's entire energy portfolio without emitting emissions, will take us backward in our fight against climate change. California is not on track to develop and deploy sufficient renewables + backup to replace Diablo Canyon's power generation. That will inevitably lead California to turn to energy sources that create emissions like natural gas.

In a recent study from Stanford and MIT, it found that even delaying the retirement of Diablo Canyon to 2035 would reduce California power sector carbon emissions by more than 10% from 2017 levels and reduce reliance on gas, saving \$2.6 Billion in power system costs, and bolster system reliability to mitigate brownouts. If operated to 2045 and beyond, Diablo Canyon could save up to \$21 Billion in power system costs and spare 90,000 acres of land from use for energy production.

Please support the proposed legislation that would ensure the continued operation of Diablo Canyon past 2025.

Thank you for your time,
Hector M. Garcia