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Oppose extension of Diablo Canyon Operating License

I am opposed to extending the operating license for Diablo Canyon.

Extending the life of Diablo seems a costly and potentially dangerous response to failures of several agencies to provide safe, clean, reliable and affordable energy to the consumers in California.

CEC, CPUC, CALISO and the Governor's Office all share responsibility as they allowed PG&E rates to be the highest in the nation while providing unreliable service..

The pending retirement of Diablo Canyon is not a surprise as it has been known for years. There is no reason to believe that extending the retirement date will cause these agencies to be more responsible and actually do the things that they should have been doing for the last several yearsâ€”promoting the development of customer focussed energy efficiency programs, effective demand side management programs and local renewable energy and storage rather than just promote PG & Eâ€™s business interests.

The postmortem of the August 2020 outage highlighted the mismanagement of CALISO as it allowed 3000 MW hours to be exported at a critical time, realized that the money they spent on out of state capacity resources was wasted and allowed questionable outages to occur. Add not truly being able to rely on Diablo they called for black outs early than required by their guidelines.

Diablo Canyonâ€™s energy is produced at above market prices which totalled \$500 million to 1.25 billion per year over the last several years. If PG & E was not protected from market forces and their mismanagement, the plant would have closed years ago. Instead, these costs have been borne by customers in PG & Eâ€™s territory even if they switched to a CCA years ago. This seems to be just fine with the CPUC. The CPUC has not encouraged the actions needed to strengthen the grid and provide low cost, reliable energy to customers, instead they are more focussed on propping up a relic of an obsolete 100 year old business model.

The 1.4 Billion dollar gift to PG&E to continue operation of an unsafe costly reactor is spending good money on failed investment. How much energy storage can 1.4 billion dollars buy! Those funds could really improve the energy position of disadvantaged communities â€”change lives and change the grid.

The Governorâ€™s appointments to the CPUC have been a real disappointment. It is time to move on from Diablo, stop wasting money and take the next two years to provide the energy we need by mobilizing the renewable energy industry in the state.