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## **Diablo Canyon Power Plant**

To: California Energy Commission and CISO

I have been a resident of San Luis Obispo since 1999. For over 20 years my family and I have lived in the shadow of Diablo Canyon Power Plant, supporting those who have tirelessly worked toward its decommissioning. It was an immense relief when this was finally negotiated and announced for the year 2025.

I am horrified that the closure agreement, established in 2016 and codified by the California legislature and the CPUC in 2018, is now being called into question and may be violated. I feel betrayed that the trust of the people who live here is being broken, by these plans of an indefinite continuing of operation of this dangerous power plant. My main reasons for being firmly opposed to the current efforts to keep DC PP open are the following:

1. This plant is old and unsafe, because maintenance has been deferred in view of its closing soon.
2. It sits on a web of earthquake fault lines.
3. PG&E has proven to be an unreliable company, culpable of negligence in the maintenance of the components of some of its other power plants, with disastrous human and environmental consequences.

The inherent dangers of nuclear power plants are much too high a risk “ even when they are run responsibly “ how much more so in a case where the operator is known to be negligent and irresponsible!

4. Claims are made that continued operation of DCPD can be a bridge to a “green and clean energy future”. Nuclear power is NOT clean and environmentally benign. Neither at the point of origin of its raw material “ uranium mining “ nor during its operation, when the return of warmed cooling water to the ocean results in the destruction of marine life, creating dead zones around the power plant. Nor, finally, at the end of the energy production cycle, when they spent fuel rods in their cooling pools remain a high risk of a nuclear disaster, due to seismic activity or sabotage by foreign or domestic terrorists.

(We are currently witnessing the breakdown of Nuclear Plant security systems due to the war in Ukraine, and recent outbreaks of civic violence in the United States give cause to be especially worried about the potential of Nuclear Plants for purposes of sabotage.)

These fuel rods remain radioactive for centuries. Moreover the cooling pools will be completely filled by 2025 and no provisions have been made for their future storage in a safer situation “ let alone further further accumulation at the Diablo Canyon site, beyond 2025. - This is a horrendous danger, that was not addressed in any way by the polished PowerPoint presentations, given at the recent Zoom workshop, and hearing.

5. Tax monies have already been spent for the decommissioning process and on “mitigating costs” to impacted neighboring communities.

6. PG&E made the decision to decommission for economic reasons. They would need to spend much more for updating and repairs and to construct a compliant cooling system, if DCPD is to remain open beyond 2025. Where will that money come from? From tax money better spent on truly green power sources.

Please do not break faith with the residents threatened by this time bomb, by revoking the closure agreement! Free our communities and the entire Central Coast from the threat that Diablo Canyon Power Plant poses with every day of continued operation. It is bad enough that it is still scheduled to run until 2025!

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