

Maxwell Fire Protection District

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Mr. Rick Tyler

RE: Colusa Generating Station

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This response is to clarify the impacts that the Colusa Generating Station (CGS) will have on the Maxwell Fire Protection District (MFPD), and to provide solutions to mitigate those impacts.

It is the consensus of the MFPD that the CGS will impact the district. With the current level of staffing and funding, the MFPD cannot take on the added responsibility of fire and life safety without jeopardizing its current responsibility to its constituents. The duration of this project will span many years. As the district looks to the future, it sees many problems that need to be addressed, including but not limited to funding and staffing issues which go hand in hand. MFPD is witnessing a drop in the number of citizens that are willing to be volunteer firefighters within the district. We expect this trend to continue in the future.

At this time the MFPD is maintaining its current level of service. However, with the CGS comes greater demand on our fire district, that at this time we do not have the means to accommodate. The CGS will stretch MFPD beyond its limits unless funding is provided to mitigate the needs of the district.

The MFPD agrees this project will be an asset to the County of Colusa. The district has been trying to come up with a plan that would accommodate both the district and Competitive Power Ventures.

We have considered staffing an engine with 4 firefighters, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We have also considered building a 2nd station closer to the project site. As this shows we have looked at other options, however, we feel our proposal best suits the needs of the district and CGS. The MFPD proposal stated below will be the best avenue to take and will let the MFPD maintain its level of service to the district as well as the CGS.

Chief	\$87,000
2 Firefighters (\$50,000 X 2)	\$100,000
Equipment and Training, ETC	\$43,000
Total	\$230,000

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This MFPD proposal is based on 2007 dollars. Due to this and because the duration of this project is to succeed past 20 years the MFPD is requesting a 4% inflation rate, which according to the following website is the yearly inflation rate for the past 20 years (inflationdata.com). The 4% inflation rate will be applied each year until the plant is decommissioned.

MFPD also requests that funding be received six months prior to ground breaking in order to implement our proposal so that we are prepared for the impact. We also request that the payment continue yearly from that date. Finally, the MFPD board of directors shall have the right to allocate funding to best suit the needs of the district should needs change in the future.

Sincerely,

David Wells
MFPD Fire Chief