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I am writing this after having read of the controversy over PCT in an article on American Thinker. Hopefully this is an appropriate email for comments.

As a California resident of many years, I fully support the implementation of demand side management as a cost effective means of addressing electricity supply problems brought on by a rapidly increasing population in a state struggling to grow it's energy supply in a sustainable and environmentally conscious fashion.

I have a suggestion that might ease some of the concern over PCT as being overly authoritarian. Perhaps it would be possible from a regulatory standpoint to offer options other than PCT. For instance each household could be required to adopt one of the following three demand side management solutions.

- Utility controlled PCT

- Smart meter with time variable pricing combined with a thermostat capable of being set for price triggers by homeowners but with no utility control (People choosing this option could potentially be charged the full price of electricity being purchased by the utility under emergency conditions. This way, people willing to pay a dollar or more per kWh would have that option.)

- Continuation on a flat rate plan but with a meter that is radio controlled to shut of all power in the event load shedding is deemed necessary by the utility. This way, customers could implement their own backup solutions such as batteries or solar panels. This option could appeal to those who feel, from ideological positions, that the outer walls of their house should be a barrier to intrusive regulation while also acknowledging the real problems, such as wide spread blackouts, that can occur without the ability to curtail demand in emergencies.

I hope my suggestion might be appropriately forwarded for consideration.

Sincerely,

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