

Docket Optical System - Peaker Plant in Chula Vista

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California Energy Commission
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RE: Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

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Dear California Energy Commission Chairperson and Commissioners:

I have lived in the shadow the South Bay Power Plant for nearly 30 years. I have seen Chula Vista grow into a vibrant and dynamic city. I for one would not consider living anywhere else, except for one thing, the existence of the South Bay Power Plant.

I understand that there is currently under consideration an expansion of an existing power plant in the South Bay that would alleviate the SBPP during high demand periods. This "peaker" plant runs during periods when the power grid, supplied primarily by the SBPP, is at capacity and needs the peaker to kick in to avoid power shortages.

If I understand the facts correctly, this upgrade will be consistent with the City's General Plan and Redevelopment Plan for the area. The upgrade of the peaker is not deemed a major toxic emitter and therefore may proceed in accordance with both the San Diego Air Pollution Control District and Federal Clean Air Act meeting their stringent regulations which clearly designates the peaker as a non major source of hazardous air pollutant or emitter.

As our city grows I favor the expansion of the current peaker plant which I understand will be upgraded with generators that will produce cleaner and more efficient energy for the region. The upgrade will allow for an additional 400 more hours of energy production from the current average of about 250 hours of less desirable energy production due to its current technology.

It is time your commission takes note and allows for the expansion of the peaker plant and refocuses its immediate attention to the removal of the SBPP. Your approval will review the SBPP "must run" status and hopefully place the SBPP on your agenda for the expedient removal of a power generator which places many more Chula Vista residents in peril than an upgraded, state of the art, improvement to the peaker plant.

Sincerely,

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