

Docket Optical System - CEC effort to predict electric power demand

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This is a comment made in haste after reading the ENERGOPOLICY-LIST: Transcript for May 25, 2011, Staff Workshop on Historical Energy Efficiency Estimate and Update to the 2009 California Energy Demand Forecast Wednesday, June 8, 2011 3:56 PM

I just had time to skim the transcript it but I was impressed by the amount of criticism by the audience

The basic problem is that the CEC spends hours making estimates for the whole state that are really useless.. What really matters are the estimates made by the individual utilities. The demand for electricity in the state is always going up. Just look at your own graphs. The demand must be met by adding more in state 24/7 generation or by relying on purchased power from out of state. The in state or out of state unreliable "renewable" generation clouds the issue but doesn't reduce the need for increased 24/7 generation each year.

The CEC should study if the whole process of predicting demand should be left to the utilities. I suggest they abandon this endeavor.

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