

Docket Optical System - Presentation for 26 July Nuclear Workshop

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Dear Ms Byron,

Please accept the following for presentation at the 26 July Nuclear workshop. I wish to have Ms. Jennings read it into the transcript for that workshop.. Thank you

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Today the energy policy of the state is unbelievably bad. It started years ago when the state shifted from regulating the state's electric utilities to managing them. The legislature egged on by special interests decided that it knew how to do this. This was a big mistake because the legislature had no more talent for energy management than it did for managing the taxpayers money. A series of bad laws has been enacted culminating in AB32. For some obscure reason the Legislature has asked the CEC to review the state energy policy. The CEC has consistently told the State that its energy policy is fine. Why?

The state's principle electric energy problem is that it has insufficient in-state, reliable 24/7 generation to meet the public and industry needs. This is caused by the state's mismanagement of new plant construction. As a result the state has to import much of its electricity and CA money is sent out of state to pay for it. When low Columbia River flow reduced hydro power, the state had to scramble to find energy from other out of state sources. This gave the energy gamers a chance to charge plenty forcing PG&E to sell power below its cost which lead to bankruptcy. Now with AB32 the state rather than facing the lack of reliable in-state power is aggravating it by mandating the use of energy sources that cannot generate it.

One of the worst errors of the legislature, bowing to special interests, was to declare nuclear energy a danger to the public and ban further plant construction. Now when they wish to reduce greenhouse gas production with AB32 they are not able to use nuclear energy which is the only energy source capable of solving both the state's problems of reliable energy shortage and reduced GHG production.

The CEC can perform a great gift to the public and industry of the state by changing its policy of promoting the state's anti-nuclear policy to promoting a pro-nuclear policy. The governor and legislature will object but the CEC must find ways to educate them. This workshop should be devoted to the refuting of the tired old arguments of the anti-nuclear groups which lead to the ban on nuclear 50 years ago.

The state already has 2 plants which have provided power with no problems and no GHG for years. France gets most of its electric power with no problems. Japan despite the problems at Fukushima which were caused by a tsunami greater than the plant was designed for continues to rely on nuclear. China is building many nuclear plants. Watch, Germany will come its senses sooner or later Why is CA, the ostensibly forward looking state, the only hold out? .