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Please docket the attached. thanks

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Dear Commissioners,

Listening to the audio playback from the CEC website I still have to raise concerns about this incident (FIRE) at the PEC. The comments made by staff and the commissioners seemed to be focusing on response time and not preventing emergency responders from doing their job. It was surprising to hear that Matthew Layton from the Engineering Office was not aware that this was the third transform failure while emergency responders could not do their job because of the lack of equipment and proper chemicals to extinguish the fire.

Please note that a document directed to Commissioner Boyd regarding the Carlsbad Energy Center Siting from the Chief of the Escondido Fire Department (Michael Lowry) identified that although their response time to PEC fire was about 10 minutes it took another three hours to identify whether the plant was completely de-energized. It then was decided to use Class B foam on the fire, but neither the plant nor the Escondido Fire Department had any of the foam. It was also identified that no other fire department in the county had any Class B foam. Ultimately the USMC was contacted and responded with their crash rescue apparatus six hours after the start of the fire with time for further instructions and briefings needed before any action was taken. All of this led to the temperature of the burning oil exceeding the suppression threshold of the foam resulting into the effect similar to throwing water on a grease fire.

I believe that the Engineering Office of the Siting Division clearly did not obtain or review the data submitted that clearly should result in measures being taken and enforced by the CEC. It is also clear that not only was there a breakdown in communication between the CEC and SDG&E, but a major lapse in training and equipment necessary in a

power plant fire. As Fire Chief Lowry indicated in his letter; it is necessary to take every possible precaution in designing a power plant in order to reduce risks to plant workers, emergency response personnel, and the public.

For your information I also made contact with Chief Lowry and he indicated that he was not aware of the August 10th meeting or what was presented.

Regards,  
Mark Rodriguez