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Frank Brandt, private citizen comments to Preliminary California Energy Demand Forecast 2012-2022, Draft Staff Report. Pub # CEC-200-2011-011-SD.

I understand that these comments will have no effect whatsoever on the effort of the CEC people writing the report but I believe they should be posted for anybody who follows the output of the CEC.

As usual I question the reason and value of the report. It would be nice if the report had a section justifying itself. Presumably it is directed to the legislature but I cannot see how they would use it. Their mantra is, don't build any additional plants with 24/7 output in CA. They may use it to judge how much "renewable" power is needed but since they do not sell that power it really is of no value for that estimate. Certainly the individual private and public utilities may file the report in their libraries but since they generated the data for their own facilities they will use that in planning for the future. Statewide data is of little concern to them. One group that might use the data is those that sell the 25% of imported electrical energy to the state. They can, if they choose to believe it, use it to anticipate their stake in the market. If CA is lucky they will overestimate and have to offer their output at a lower price.

As usual for the CEC, it has no concept of how to round off the numbers for speculative data. The computer may generate 6 digit numbers but reporting 6 digit numbers for future electric or gas consumption is pushing the crystal ball too far. I am sure that any self respecting analyst looking at the CEC reported estimated number of 123543 GWH will round it off to 124000. Those final 3 digits are meaningless.

What is the purpose of generating 3 different set of data? It takes years to erect new plants. The utilities can't take chances of allowing brown or blackouts. They must use the high estimates. The 2 lower estimates are of no use for anybody.

If the CEC has any respect for the private citizens of CA they would deep six this useless report.

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