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In the business section of the Toronto Star on 3/29/13 there was an article on gas-fired power plants in Canada. The Lenox Generating Station has operated about 1.5% of its capacity over the past 5 years. They do however get a regular check for more than \$7 million/month from the Ontario Power Authority. The plant's owners, Ontario Power Generation, says it provides valuable insurance for Ontario's power system. In spite of the plant operating at 1.5%, TransCanada Corp. is relocating a 900 MW plant essentially next door. This plant gets a minimum of \$15,200/month for each MW produced, regardless of output. The TransCanada plant is expecting to operate at 34% capacity supplying power during periods of high demand, while Lenox is held in reserve. The Lenox just signed a contract with OPG to keep it running through 2022 in order to recover the costs and earn a "reasonable return". We already have 41 peaker plants in California. The San Diego County ratepayers can't afford to pay for more power that won't even be used. Caveat Emptor...oh wait. We're the ones paying for it. Since San Diego City Council, Planning Department and Mayor along with Santee Mayor and City Council, several Supervisors of the County, and most politicians in this area and the general public don't want it, please don't allow it to be built. Former Head of the Ontario Power Commission, Mr Carr said it best..."This is the hazard of building these long lifetime assets in a world where things change relatively quickly."