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To: Weyman Lee

Subject: Russell City power plant

Dear Sirs,

Having just spent 2.5 hours listening to the public meeting at Hayward City Hall, I have a question. If this plant design meets all Federal, State and BayArea air quality requirements, what's the problem? There was no physical evidence presented to the contrary. The plant should be built. These smaller customized electric generating plants are going to be the bridge to the future more efficient "greener" power plants.

We have an energy crisis in the Bay...ask any lineman that works for PGand E. This plant will help relieve the future shortages but we will still need several more generating plants in the Bay.

The citizens are going to have to become a bit more informed with respect to the future electrical needs and how they are to be met. Electricity is a public utility just like sewage treatment. When the sewage treatment plant needs more capacity, it gets expanded...this is not a discussion, usually.

Having spent a year working as an electrician on the sewage plant expansion next to the proposed plant site, I can tell you that the minuscule ppm's of oxides of carbon and nitrogen from the proposed plant is the least of your worries. The fact that you guys will be in the area measuring the power plant emissions will force the surrounding air quality violators to clean-up their act.

Thanks for your time.

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