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Fwd: Public Comment - Tonight's Agenda Items 15 and 13

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From: **Jean Merrigan** <jnmwem@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2024 at 11:31 AM

Subject: Public Comment - Tonight's Agenda Items 15 and 13

To: <bodpubliccomment@avaenergy.org>

To the Board of Directors, Ava Community Energy:

I work with Women's Energy Matters, a non-profit advocacy group that has participated in CPUC proceedings related to California's nuclear power plants for more than two decades. Most recently, WEM has been a party to R2301007, the CPUC's SB846 implementation (Diablo Canyon extended operations) proceeding. I was so disappointed that CalCCA, which lobbies on behalf of all CCAs, did nothing to oppose the proposed Diablo Canyon extension. Instead, CalCCA focused solely on making sure that, contrary to the actual language of SB846, CCA's will continue to receive nuclear allotments from PG&E should extended operations go forward.

The vast majority of CCAs in California were founded to provide customers with alternatives to fossil fuels and nuclear energy. Ava's Community Advisory Board has clearly informed the Board that the community vigorously rejects nuclear power, due to its environmental harms. Nuclear power is not clean energy. I urge the board to reject nuclear allocations from Diablo Canyon during extended operations. Further, I urge the Board to make its wishes known to CalCCA, and request that CalCCA use its lobbying efforts to oppose, rather than support, the Diablo Canyon extension.

WEM further urges the Board to adopt the Community Advisory Board's recommendations regarding Community Resilience Hubs, including committing a minimum of \$15 million from the annual surplus budget for a Community Resilience Hub Program. By respecting the Community Advisory Board's leadership on this issue, Ava Community Energy can make a real difference in the lives of its community members, and create a strong, vibrant Community Resilience Hub model that other CCA's can implement as well..

Thank you.

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