

Reply Comments

Request to Reopen Docket No. 05-CE-146

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Even with the compressed time frame of this comment period it has become clearer than ever no public support exists for this project. The applicants and backers of utility scale renewables are beating the drum as hard as they can to portray this behemoth as a must-have solution to our green energy future because they say it will ease the congestion of transmitting energy from remote wind and solar farms. The point being overlooked here is that renewables can be spread out across the distribution grid and ease congestion with no new transmission required.

The urgency being expressed by the applicants is sounding more and more like a limited time offer sales pitch. Get yours while supplies last. Also the mantra that we have come this far so we can't stop now rings hollow in light of the pending court challenges. If through discovery it can be shown there was collaboration between the applicants and the PSC this project should be shut down completely. Until the court challenge plays out a work stoppage should be put in place. It is imperative the applicants not be allowed to sidestep the court challenge by appealing to the same people who approved the project in the first place.

If the CPCN is rescinded the review process should start over but with new commissioners or a panel of judges making the final decision. It would also be reassuring to the public if those sitting in judgement on these cases were required to attend all the hearings instead of dropping by when they felt like it. Under no circumstance should the pending court challenges be sidestepped or rendered moot by bureaucratic sleight of hand.