

## **Please Support Our Coalition at California PUC Hearings About the Costs to Ratepayers of Shutting Down and Decommissioning San Onofre**

### **To members and supporters of the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter,**

As you know, since the shutdown of the San Onofre nuclear power plant in January 2012 the Angeles Chapter has been active in expressing concerns regarding fair treatment for ratepayers by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

We have testified before the Commission on this matter, and last month we wrote its voting members on several issues:

- We called for an immediate end to the ongoing \$50 million-plus ratepayer subsidy for San Onofre, which should have terminated no later than last October.
- We asked the commission to determine what portion of this subsidy should be refunded to ratepayers.
- We urged the Commission to establish strict controls on the use of more than \$3.5 billion in ratepayer dollars collected over the years to decommission San Onofre.
- We noted that these funds were collected to assure a safe and thorough permanent shutdown of the plant. In this process, ratepayers must be protected against any diversion of funds from the primary goal.

**Current update:** The Angeles Chapter is a member of the **Coalition to Decommission San Onofre**. The Coalition has gained standing as an intervener in an extensive series of upcoming hearings by the PUC on the issues above.

The Coalition will be represented at the hearings by two of its members: Martha Sullivan, with 20 years as a CPUC staff member, and Ray Lutz, a professional engineer and National Coordinator of Citizen's Oversight, Inc.

As interveners Martha and Ray will be authorized to cross-examine witnesses at the hearings and to put questions to the Commission. This is a crucial element in assuring the public is effectively heard during what might otherwise be an "insider" process.

With other members of the Coalition, we are seeking to raise \$3,000 to help defray out-of-pocket expenses for our representatives as they cover several weeks of hearings at CPUC headquarters in San Francisco.

**Please join us in this needed task.** Send your tax-deductible contribution payable to "**Citizens Oversight**" at:

Citizens Oversight  
771 Jamacha Rd, Suite 148  
El Cajon, CA 92019

Make your online tax-deductible contribution by credit card at the [Citizens Oversight for CPUC Action](#).

Our coalition member groups include: **Peace Resource Center of San Diego, Citizens Oversight Project, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, Women Occupy San Diego, San Clemente Green, San Onofre Safety and Residents Organized for a Safe Environment (ROSE)**.

Regards,

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