

Dear Region G Water Planning Members,

Because I will be unable to attend the July 9 meeting due to a conflict here at work, I would like to share a few things with you. I recognize that our job at Region G is to make decisions that are limited to water resource allocation within our region. However, in doing so, we are also making value judgments on how water allocations will impact economic development, the environment, etc.

Of course, our first and foremost concern is the amount of water that will be utilized by the proposed Comanche Peak nuclear power plant expansion, and that such a large percentage will not be returned to a water course or lake. If Region G eventually gives approval for their request for water (if the water ops permit is approved), then we need be assured that Luminant uses best available technology for recapture of water. I do not pretend to be an expert on nuclear power projects but am certainly interested in learning more about the technology and what the options are to conserve water.

Second, here is a link to an article from Energy Biz, Financial Front, about the high cost of electricity produced by nuclear power plants that are now being built, as compared to the cost of providing energy from alternative energy sources:

[http://energycentral.fileburst.com/EnergyBizOnline/2008-3-may-jun/Financial Front Prices.pdf](http://energycentral.fileburst.com/EnergyBizOnline/2008-3-may-jun/Financial%20Front%20Prices.pdf)

Lastly, here is a link to national Sierra Club's long term policies on nuclear power, none of which are new. My primary concern is that the research and design of a project may be technically excellent, but that men and materials do fail. We must not trade one set of problems (carbon emissions and scarcity of petroleum products) for another set of problems from increased numbers of nuclear power plants that may have possible negative impacts that could be just as serious.

<http://www.sierraclub.org/policy/conservation/nuc-power.asp>

Overall, my point is that we be cautious in going forward and make the best possible informed decisions.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments and I will be very sorry to miss the meeting on July 9. I look forward to working with you further on this and other water issues.

Respectfully,

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