



Agendize Appeal of LADWP's Scattergood Project Decision

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Dear Councilmember Park, and Members Nazarian (Chair), Yaroslavsky, Jurado, Raman, and Padilla of the Energy & Environment Committee:

I write as a concerned community member to respectfully ask that you agendize the recent appeal of the LADWP Board's decision to approve the Scattergood Generating Station "hydrogen-ready" project and its Environmental Impact Report.

Angelenos across the city and county are deeply worried about this proposal: not only because of the increased pollution and attendant health risks, but also because of the major financial impacts on LADWP ratepayers, and the upward pressures this would create on regional electricity rates.

The City's own Office of the Ratepayer Advocate has warned that the cost of gas turbines has been accelerating since the council last voted on this project. So, the total cost could increase 2-3 times from the current price tag and the project well could be delayed by 6-8 years. That means an already expensive project, estimated at at least \$800 million, could balloon into the billions while still relying on a (highly combustible, in extant piping) methane-hydrogen blend and continuing NOx pollution emissions that are particularly harmful to children, the elderly, and people with respiratory issues. Los Angeles still has some of the worst air quality in the nation.

The appeal also highlights significant gaps in the environmental review, including the failure to analyze cumulative pollution, the project's vast water demands, realistic availability of hydrogen, and cleaner (and cheaper!) alternatives, such as combining grid-scale battery storage, distributed solar, and demand response. Many of these concerns have been raised repeatedly by community organizations, environmental experts, and residents, including myself, and yet remain unaddressed.

The City Council has previously stepped in to ensure transparency and oversight of the Scattergood proposal, and this moment calls for that leadership to be exercised again. The City of Los Angeles is subject to more than one local and state LORS (laws/ordinances/regulations/statutes) that aim to eliminate electricity production from fossil fuels outright.

We all could be spending our time and efforts doing the job right the first time, and transitioning to clean energy once and for final.

I respectfully urge you to schedule the appeal hearing as soon as possible, ideally before the end of the year, so Councilmembers and the public have a real opportunity to understand the risks before LADWP advances a project that could lock us into higher bills, more pollution, and years of delay.

The Scattergood decision, coming so soon after the Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics, is one of the ways your leadership, as Councilmembers, can and will be judged when LA hosts the Olympics in 2028.

Thank you for your time and attention.

I request you please let me know once the appeal has been placed on an agenda.

Awaiting your response,
Dave Shukla