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Dear Docket Staff:

Please docket this email to Carrizo (07-AFC-8) and include in the file name, "Comments from Mary Strobridge re Atascadero School District's letter".

Thank you,

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>>> Mary Strobridge <mstrobridge@sbcglobal.net> 12/29/2008 3:05 PM >>>
John,

When I read the letter from the Superintendent of Atascadero School District I was disappointed and angry that he would write a letter on behalf of the school district supporting CESF. All of a sudden the school district has \$75,000 and they are now "partners" with PG&E, Ausra and OptiSolar. How interesting. I am dismayed that the superintendent would write a letter without actually finding out the facts. Reading the PSA can only educate a person as to the massive problems that CESF has but Superintendent Rogers has chosen to write a letter in support of it on the premise that it will provide an education about green renewable energy. It's all about the students and their future - so he says. What Superintendent Rogers fails to realize is that the education that CESF will provide is how to destroy the environment. Where was the school district's representative at the PSA workshop on Dec. 15? (Strangely that was the date on the letter from Superintendent Rogers to the CEC.) The school district wasn't there to hear how Ausra said that they had no response from the school district pertaining to transportation of students. It was said 3 times. We were there. We heard it.

The hierarchy of a school district is such that the school board is the "boss" of the superintendent. Although Mr. Twisselman and Ms. Kuehnle have said that they will abstain from voting at the school board meeting when the OptiSolar project at Carrisa Plains school comes up for a vote (Ms. Switzer declined to abstain supposedly), the school board can still direct the superintendent to write a letter of support. Also, with the difficult economic times schools are going through here in California, \$75,000 looks really good to a school district. I think that the solar companies are very aware of that fact as well.

It was irresponsible for Superintendent Rogers to write such a letter with all the incredible conflicts of interest involved in the CESF and OptiSolar proposals. Has the district gone to the families that will be affected by the plants? What about families that have children that attend the school or have to ride the bus in to the junior high or high school? Has the district told the parents about the potential for their child to be on a bus for 4-5 hours per day? Are the only families that have been giving input to the CEC are the families who are selling out to the solar companies and work at and /or have children that attend the Carrisa Plains school?

Superintendent Rogers does not speak for the Carrisa Plains.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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