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Disappointing. Then again, not everyone is blessed with vision. There are managers and there are leaders. Looks like Yakout is a manager. We are still supportive but will defer to your good judgment.

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The enthusiasm is overwhelming. Not sure where to go with this, given Yakout's negativity. And, Pedro apparently feels the same way as Yakout.

**From:** Mansour, Yakout [mailto:YMansour@caiso.com]  
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Hi Mike

I had over two hour meeting yesterday with the people from the Lab on their high performance computing initiative. The discussion confirmed my initial take on it which I communicated to you. They also understood that it is not something we are looking for to solve a particular problem. It is a solution looking for a problem and way over kill, if at all for any application we may need. The discussion changed from "what problem do we have that can be solved by this initiative" to "If we have this anyway, can we think of a use". The latter is more appropriate (if we find a problem for it) but frankly too much money for such a purpose. They are claiming that the goal is to seed a high performance computing industry in California which I cannot make judgment on as to whether it is viable or not but building it on electricity industry needs is a stretch. They suggested it may be the solution for cyber security, I cannot make a judgment on this either. If they are going ahead with it anyway I will try to help (not monetary) and that is what I told them. I had a discussion with Pedro and they feel very much the same way.

Having said that, if there is money to be raised for research, there is a long list of much higher priority items.