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Paul - interesting development. Calpine filed in May to bypass PG&E's gas transmission system and connect to a local gathering system. Doesn't look like the thought processes of someone who is going to shut down now, does it ? This is the first I've heard of it.

Calpine proposes pipeline from Sutter Energy Center

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A natural-gas power plant that opened 10 years ago in Sutter County is in line for a potential expansion into natural gas fields nearby.

Calpine Inc., which owns the Sutter Energy Center, has applied to the California Energy Commission to modify the project to build a 2.8-mile pipeline from the power plant to natural gas fields in Grimes.

As part of the expansion, the company would build a half-acre gas metering station on Girdner Road, including a meter, flow-control valve and an aboveground 100-barrel drain tank.

Sutter Energy Center, which the commission approved in 1999 and went into operation in July 2001, uses natural gas to produce 540 megawatts. One megawatt can power about 1,000 homes. The plant is on South Township Road near Best Road, about seven miles southwest of Yuba City.

An amendment would allow the plant to tap gas fields north and west of the plant. Sutter Energy now uses Pacific Gas & Electric Co. lines to supply the plant.

"Directly accessing local natural gas supplies will provide increased reliability and the economic benefits of diversity of supply," according to Calpine's application for the project amendment.

Calpine's application to the Energy Commission suggests the project would comply with the center's existing state license and would not result in any adverse environmental impacts.

A spokeswoman for the Energy Commission said because the application was just received, it hasn't yet been determined when the commission will review the matter.

There also hasn't been any determination on whether local hearings would be held for the amendment. Such hearings were required as part of the licensing process for the Sutter Energy Center, which began operating while the state was experiencing an energy crisis.

Read more: <http://www.appeal-democrat.com/articles/gas-105267-plant-sutter.html#ixzz1cOPtvZnN>

