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Subject: California Energy Markets wants to come to DG--URGENT response requested.

Hilary Corrigan of California Energy Markets called and would like a press pass to come and observe our DG conference. If we were to let anyone in from the media it would be her or someone from her publication. But here is the problem. Some around the table may get spooked, some will grandstand a bit more, but generally it puts a damper on the kind of frank discussion we are set up to enable. It defeats one of the prime objectives of our roundtable discussion format. Another problem is that the Bay Guardian has already run a piece on the conference and not in a favorable light. If we allow CEM into the conference, how could we discriminate against any other representatives of the press?

Here is what I propose. Why not let her come to the reception and dinner so she can chat with folks and get her quotes. We could make Peevey and Florio, for example, available for an interview, if they agree. A fall back from that would be to have her come Friday at the end and catch people as they leave. We could cooperate with her to make certain people available if they agree.

Please advise, but I am inclined to say no, but invite her to dinner.

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