

February 1, 2025

Vanessa Delgado, Chair  
And Honorable Governing Board Members  
South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865  
Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Subject: Comments on Proposed Amendments to Rule 1111 and Rule 1121

Dear Ms. Delgado and Honorable Members of the Governing Board:

I just recently attended a city council meeting and heard for the first time of these two proposed amended Rulings. Has SCAQMD done their due diligence in notifying the 17 million people, which reside in your district, about these proposed changes? Did I perhaps miss a mailer?

As a homeowner and senior citizen living in SCAQMD's district, I have concerns with the impact that Rule 1111 and Rule 1121 would have on my livelihood. These two Rulings would cause an additional monetary burden on my finances. Appliances that are natural gas-powered are less expensive and more reliable to operate than those using electricity. I can count on my gas-powered water heater to provide hot water when SCE implements their Public Safety Power Shutoff-PSPS, which can last for a few hours to several days.

How many older homes with 100 amp electrical panels will need to do an upgrade in order to sustain the additional electricity needed? This unexpected cost can range from \$1000 on up. This issue could have a significant impact on people's pocketbooks, especially the senior citizens and low-income families. I read that AQMD is working on an incentive program to provide rebates for residents, building owners, and small businesses, but will that incentive program pay or reimburse the individual for the expense of having to upgrading their electrical panels? I share your commitment to clear air, but enacting Rulings that will only cause financial burdens to many is not the right approach to meet your intended goals.

It seems that every summer or when there's a heat wave, we deal with power outages due to an overwhelmed power grid. The state's transitioning to electrical appliances and cars will only put an additional strain on the power grid.

California is second on the list of the highest electricity rates in the nation. And just recently the CPUC approved SCE's request for another rate increase. When is enough enough?

My husband and I just installed a new gas-powered water heater and the emissions are significantly lower than our previous one. Forcing a homeowner to install electrical appliances I believe is taking away from their rights and freedom to choose.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,  
Joanne Genis  
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