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Agency: LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY

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Title: Deeply concerned human

Organization you are affiliated with: 350 Austin, 350.org, Sierra Club, my children and all future generations

Email:

City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or
Opposed:
Dear LCRA Sunset Review Committee,

My name is Darren Blais, I'm a resident of Austin, a husband, father and technology professional. I am a member of 350 Austin, a nonprofit organization that is acting locally in the global climate movement. We are the Central Texas affiliate of 350.org, an international network working towards a safe climate and a just, sustainable future.

As you proceed through the LCRA Sunset Review process, I request that you consider the following key points to help move LCRA forward as a state agency:

Environmental & Community Health: Through ownership and operation of Fayette Coal Plant, LCRA is directly responsible for a major source of deadly carbon emissions in the Central Texas region. We demand that LCRA develop a plan to sunset Fayette and stop poisoning our air and water. The health of our community depends on it.

Planning for the Future: We demand that LCRA develop a long-term plan for their water, transmission, and electric generation businesses. This plan must take climate change and population growth into account and should be made available to the general public. The City of Austin recently approved Water Forward, a 100-year plan for water resources in the city. The communities served by LCRA deserve a similar level of planning for the future.

Transparency: The people of Texas deserve to know about LRCA's electric generation resources, especially Fayette Coal Plant. The Sunset Commission should include LCRA's electric generation and transmission operations in the Sunset Review process. We demand that the first Sunset Review of LCRA electric operations occur within three years.

Financial Responsibility: Coal plants are a losing financial investment. We demand that the LCRA board investigate the profitability of Fayette over past 5 years and the market projections for next 5, 10, and 20 years. The results of this investigation should be made available to the public. Fayette will be a money loser - not a cash cow.

Good Government: We commend LCRA on the quick, effective response to Highland Lakes flooding in October. However, by moving into the groundwater drilling business, LCRA is acting against its commitment as a good steward of water resources. This groundwater would not be needed if Fayette Coal Plant were closed.

I am eager to hear you address these key points during the Sunset Review process. As a constituent, I will continue to follow LCRA's progress in the coming months. I look forward to future opportunities to help LCRA improve as a community steward for Central Texas.

My children, wife & I thank you!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Transition to 100% renewable energy as quickly as physically possible. It's cheaper than fossil fuels, clean, causes no public health issues. It's a no brainer.

Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere function on about a 25 year delay. So we need 100% renewable energy several decades before the climate passes irreversible warming tipping points. I'm trying to avoid being hyperbolic - but extremely awful things will happen to our children if we don't.

Thank you for your consideration! Best wishes to you and yours!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree