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As I'm sure you know, a variety of recent research concludes that many forest offsets in do not correspond to actual emissions reductions, including about a third of the offsets in California's program. (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/gcb.15943>) Given that, I hope you will do what you can to make sure that linking with California's program does not require our complying with their offset requirements, and that if PSE has to continue burning a great deal of gas, that they will be required to use one or both of the alternative compliance options rather than just buying offsets on the market.

Even better, you might insist that PSE start taking residential demand response programs and time of use pricing programs seriously. When I learned that PSE was installing smart meters in my neighborhood, a number of years ago, I bought a smart thermostat with wi-fi connectivity, expecting PSE would be offering programs like that. Time went by; PSE came around and replaced my smart thermostat with a second newer model. I bought a smart EV charger with wi-fi connectivity, still hoping PSE would soon be offering programs like that. I'm about to install a heat pump water heater with wi-fi connectivity. PSE still hasn't done a thing with the smart thermostats except simplify their meter reading and run a few pitifully small pilot programs. I think that the widely available research and other utilities' experience make how to set up workable programs like these perfectly clear, and I hope you will press PSE to quit dragging its heels and start taking some serious steps to reduce its need for gas by using them to reduce demand.

Best wishes,
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