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It is patently unfair to have electric ratepayers pay for any expansion of the natural gas capacity. The current capacity is adequate to fill the needs for electric utilities and for consumer use, with 20% market growth.

The planned expansion is solely planned to benefit the owners of the natural gas so that they may export this important natural resource. Thankfully we have laws against exporting our oil resources.

If/ when the price of gas goes up again because of the pressure of better markets overseas, we will be paying higher market rates. This will not benefit consumers. We are being used as pawns.

This market is being manipulated, and residents are being treated unfairly by the utilities. If PURA grants them a rate increase, we'll have to deal with that (again). But we don't need additional legislation to enable this fraud.

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