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1. [p. 29, 37] Please confirm that the “pooled source of funds” approach is intended to be limited to natural gas expansions, and not to include other fuel sources or technologies such as geothermal. Please advise whether the authors agree that, but for any limitations on the Board’s jurisdiction, expanding the pooled source of funds concept to include other environmentally beneficial fuel sources or technologies would be an appropriate policy direction.
2. [p. 30, 38] Please confirm that the competitive auctions being proposed are limited to natural gas as the only competing fuel source, and not to include other fuel sources or technologies such as geothermal. Please advise whether the authors agree that, but for any limitations on the Board’s jurisdiction, expanding the auction concept to include other environmentally beneficial fuel sources or technologies would be an appropriate policy direction.
3. [p. 38] Please confirm that, in a reverse auction, it would be appropriate to include in the criteria for bidding quantification of any differential environmental impacts, if material.