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November 3, 2015

The Honorable Robert Weisenmiller, Ph.D.
Chairman
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: High Desert Power Plant Petition to Amend

Dear Chairman Weisenmiller:

I am writing to respectfully request that the California Energy Commission approve High Desert Power Project's petition to amend its permit, as submitted.

High Desert Power Project is an 830-megawatt power plant located near the Southern California Logistics Airport Authority near Victorville. Approval of this amendment will ensure that reliable primary and backup water supplies are available to High Desert Power Project during drought conditions.

High Desert Power Project is a vital resource in the High Desert region. The recent recession severely impacted the communities in this area and they have not yet fully recovered. As one of the largest taxpayers in the region, High Desert Power Project plays an important role in our local economy, providing well-paying, full-time operations jobs, paying millions each year for locally contracted services and supplies, and contributing millions in local property taxes and related payments.

The High Desert plant also helps the state to meet its energy and environmental policy goals. It is fueled by clean-burning natural gas and is often called upon to help meet peak electricity demands and to provide grid reliability as the state implements its Renewable Portfolio Standard and Greenhouse Gas goals.

Since a reliable water supply is critical to the plant's viability, I support Tenaska's efforts in this endeavor. For these reasons, I encourage the approval of Tenaska's petition to amend its permit.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Obernolte", written over a printed name and title.

JAY OBERNOLTE
Assemblyman, 33rd District

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