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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0508

October 28, 2015

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

Dear Chairman Weisenmiller,

The purpose of this letter is 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 (MW) 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.

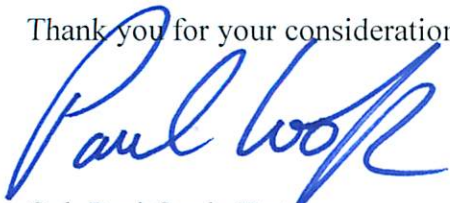
High Desert Power Project is a vital resource in the High Desert region, electrically and economically. This area was hit hard by the recent recession and has not yet fully recovered. As one of the largest taxpayers in the region, High Desert Power Project plays an important role in our local economy, 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. As a fast-ramping power plant fueled by clean-burning natural gas, High Desert Power Project is often called upon to help meet peak electricity demands and to provide grid reliability as the state implements its Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) goals.

Because a reliable water supply is critical to the plant's viability, I strongly support Tenaska's efforts to drought-proof the plant as reasonable, measured, verifiable, and consistent with California's balanced policies on energy, the environment, and economic prosperity. For the

reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that the California Energy Commission approve Tenaska's petition to amend, as submitted.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Col. Paul Cook (Ret.)
U.S. Congressman
California District 8