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California Grocers Association
California Independent Bankers
California Independent Petroleum Association
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California Restaurant Association
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Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corp.
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Southern California Golf Association
Southern California Grantmakers
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Minority Organizations

Asian American Business Women Association
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Re: SUPPORT NRG Puente Power Project

Dear Commission Members,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) - representing more than 140 top business groups with 272,000 employers and 3 million employees across our region - we are writing in strong support of NRG's Puente Power Project in Oxnard.

As you know, this project is the result of NRG's winning bid in Southern California Edison's 2014 RFO, as the CPUC directed the utility to procure up to 300 MW of local power generation in the Oxnard/Ventura region in anticipation of the retirement of two aging NRG power plants (Mandalay and Ormond Beach).

The Puente Power Project will, among other things:

- Incorporate the latest technologies to help integrate renewable energy supplies (resulting also in lower criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions per megawatt);
- Ensure the Ventura County Region has a reliable supply of local energy generation (because this area is isolated along the state's transmission lines, a disruption such as a fire, earthquake, etc., could leave it without electricity);
- Act as a "peaking" unit that can provide power during critical needed times across Southern California

As the state continues to move to a renewable energy future, (30% by 2020; likely 50% by 2030), it is imperative that intermittent wind, solar and hydro power be supported by a variety of sources including natural gas generation. Puente will be a critical component.

As part of its proposal, NRG has offered to demolish its Mandalay Station once Puente is online (June 2020); and is willing to discuss when the Ormond Beach Station could be retired and demolished. To further minimize the environmental impact, the Puente Project will be developed on approximately 3 acres of previously disturbed vacant brownfield land within the existing boundaries of Mandalay and using existing infrastructure.


The project and its related construction work will also mean increased benefits to the community through increased property and sales tax contributions, as well as jobs.

Energy projects such as this are critically needed. BizFed strongly supports NRG and Southern California Edison in its efforts and looks forward to working with the Commission on this issue.

Sincerely,



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