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*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



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Commissioner Janea Scott  
California Energy Commission  
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**SUBJECT: DOCKET# 15-AFC-01**  
**PROJECT TITLE: PUENTE POWER PROJECT**

Dear Commissioner Scott:

The California Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in support of the Puente Power Project during the initial phase of the California Energy Commission's power plant certification and licensing process.

The CalChamber is the largest broad-based business advocate in the state, representing the interests of over 13,000 California businesses, both large and small. Ensuring that businesses in the state have affordable and reliable energy is of the utmost importance to the CalChamber. As a result, the CalChamber is supportive of the Puente Power Project moving forward.

#### **NEW GENERATION IS NECESSARY IN THIS REGION**

With the decommissioning of once-through-cooling power plants, coupled with the need for integration of renewables, the California Public Utilities Commission has identified a need for up to 290 MW of flexible generation in the Oxnard area. Currently, there are two once-through-cooling generation units operating at the Mandalay Generating Station which have provided power to the Oxnard area. California law, however, requires these units be replaced with newer technologies by 2020. Through the competitive bidding process, Southern California Edison selected NRG Energy, Inc. and the Puente Power Project as the best fit scenario to meet the needs of the businesses and residences of the area.

#### **THE MANDALAY SITE IS COST-EFFECTIVE**

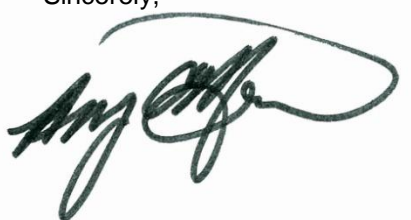
Because NRG Energy, Inc. is able to locate the Puente Power Project within the boundaries of the current Mandalay Generation Station site, it is able to reuse existing infrastructure, thereby providing a power at a lower cost to ratepayers. This project is site and technology specific. Should it have to be located elsewhere, it would carry additional significant costs for land acquisition, new transmission, and natural gas infrastructure while at the same time carrying a larger environmental footprint, and not necessarily serving the needs of the utility customers as well.

#### **FLEXIBLE GENERATION IS NEEDED TO MEET CALIFORNIA'S ENERGY GOALS**

The Puente Power Project will be a state of the art power plant which will only take minutes to come up to full power. This will help to integrate our renewable resources onto the grid when they are not sufficient to meet the power needs of the people, when the sun is not shining or the wind is not blowing. Flexible generation is vital for grid stability.

The CalChamber appreciates consideration and the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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