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Please see attached:

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

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August 31, 2015  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
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Attn: **Janea Scott**, Commissioner, Presiding Member  
**Karen Douglas**, Commissioner, Associate Member  
**Hearing Officer:** Raoul Renaud

Re: Puente Power Project  
Docket Number: 15-AFC-01 (Application For Certification)

Dear Sir/Madam:

Today, President Barack Obama sets off for a three-day tour of Alaska, aiming to shine a spotlight on how the United States is being affected by warming temperatures and rising oceans. Meanwhile, California State Senator Fran Pavley continues to gain popular support for CA SB32, which sets an overarching climate pollution reduction target for 2050 that will provide California businesses with regulatory certainty, improve public health, and strengthen our economy.

It goes without saying that California has always been a state whose public chooses to make a difference. We dream big, we take big steps, and when it comes to public health and environmental protection, nobody does it better. The California Energy Commission has an opportunity to build on our state's legacy of environmental and public health protection.

As the state's primary energy policy and planning agency, the CEC should hold to its promised commitment of reducing energy costs and **environmental impacts of energy use – such as greenhouse gas emissions – while ensuring a safe, resilient, and reliable supply of energy.**

Already, environmental management of infrastructure is on safer ground thanks to California's push for clean energy. Yet, a significant decision lays ahead for the CEC, and for those of us who share in the vision of a clean energy and environmentally progressive future.

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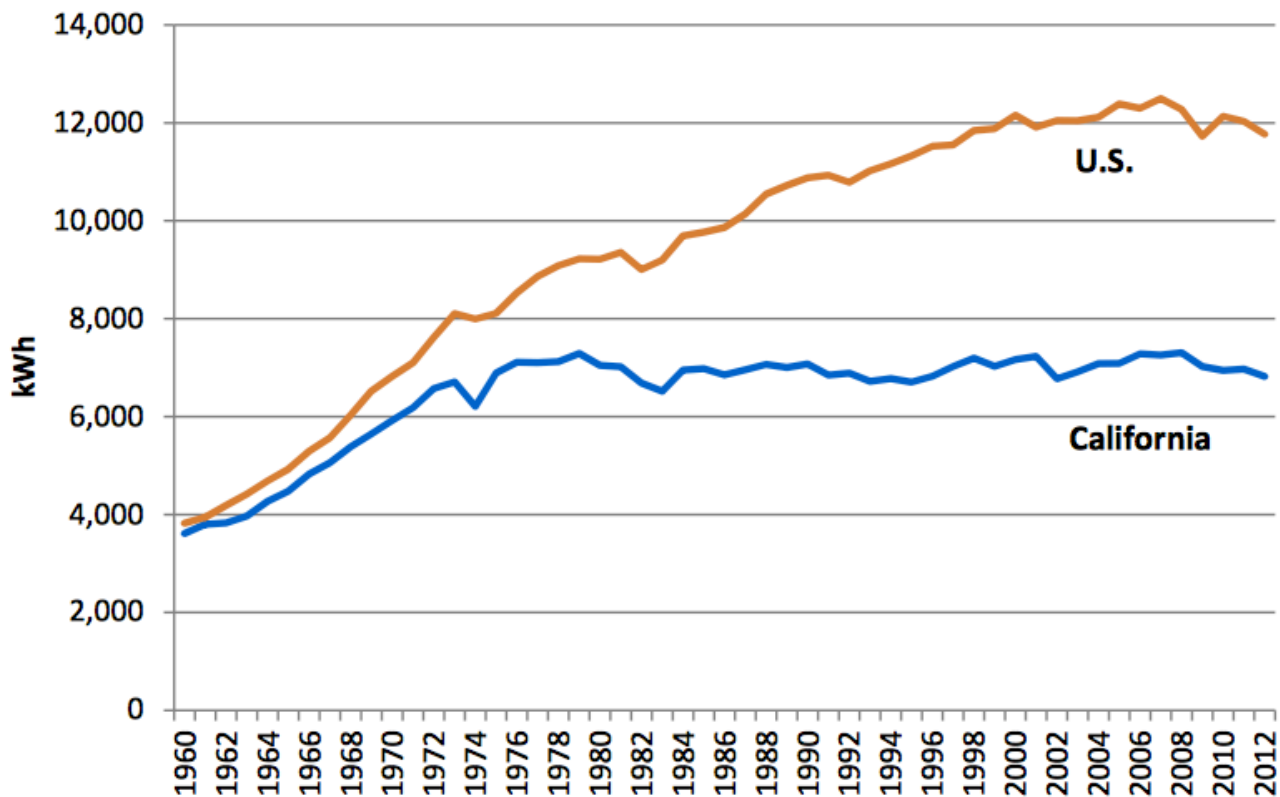
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Oxnard has overwhelmingly chosen to embrace continued bold leadership, and considers it essential to advance California's groundbreaking climate, energy, land, and water policies. California is on the right path with its internationally acclaimed environmental and public health policies. And as such, we need to continue to move forward with our clearer vision, and not step backwards or compromise when it comes to environmental progress in the State of California.

Taking into consideration California's declining energy use and transition from fossil fuels to renewables sources, I am asking the CEC to take into account its own data – and **deny NRG Energy's request to construct a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) gas-fired peaker plant, "Puente," on the beaches of Oxnard.**

**Figure 2: United States vs. California – Per Capita Electricity Consumption (Excluding Self-Generation)**



Source: Based on U.S. Energy Information Administration, Population U.S. Census Bureau (Sources [1]-[9]), as modified by California Energy Commission, Demand Analysis Staff in February 2013.

[http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/tracking\\_progress/documents/statewide\\_energy\\_demand.pdf](http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/tracking_progress/documents/statewide_energy_demand.pdf)

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I ask you to support our community and a majority of Californian's who have fought hard to lead the national and global course of never taking the cheap and easy route when it comes to public safety and environmental policy.

*"California sets climate goals and accomplishes them with a positive impact on the economy and our health. Let's continue showing the world how it's done."*

California Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León

Indeed, with the CEC's help, we can show the world how it's done!

And per the CEC, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that on this date of Monday, August 31, 2015, I:

- 1 am legally authorized to submit the accompanying comments or documents,
- 2 have received any required licenses with respect to any copyrights or trademarks applicable to the accompanying documents,
- 3 have determined that the accompanying documents comply with the Energy Commission's guidelines for appropriate submissions, and
- 4 understand that unless my written request for confidentiality has been approved under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2505, my written and oral comments, filings (including the accompanying documents), and associated contact information (e.g. address, phone, email, etc.) will become part of the viewable public record and may become publicly available via Google, Yahoo, and any other internet search engines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Conrad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cc. Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez,  
City of Oxnard, CA