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On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed), I am attaching a comment letter on this matter.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

September 26, 2016

California Energy Commission
Chairman Robert B. Weisenmiller, Ph.D.
1516 Ninth Street, MS-33
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SUPPORT NRG Puente Power Project

Dear Chairman Weisenmiller,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) - representing more than 160 top business groups with 325,000 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 (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. 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 in its efforts and looks forward to working with the Commission on this issue.

Sincerely,



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BizFed Chair
Former CAO,
Metropolitan Water District



David Fleming
BizFed Founding Chair



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BizFed Founding CEO
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 - Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles
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 - Arcadia Chamber
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 - Beverly Hills / Greater LA Association of Realtors
 - Burbank Association of Realtors
 - Burbank Chamber
 - Building Industry Association, LA / Ventura Counties
 - Building Owners & Managers Association, Greater LA
 - Business & Industry Council for Emergency Planning & Preparedness
 - CalAsian Chamber
 - California Apartment Association, Los Angeles
 - California Business Roundtable
 - California Cannabis Industry Association
 - California Construction Industry and Materials Association
 - California Contract Cities Association
 - California Consumer Finance Association
 - California Fashion Association
 - California Grocers Association
 - California Hotel & Lodging Association
 - California Independent Bankers
 - California Independent Oil Marketers
 - California Independent Petroleum Association
 - California Life Sciences Association
 - California Metals Coalition
 - California Restaurant Association
 - California Small Business Alliance
 - California Trucking Association
 - CALInnovates
 - Carson Dominguez Employers Alliance
 - Central City Association
 - Century City Chamber
 - Cerritos Chamber
 - Citrus Valley Association of Realtors
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 - Culver City Chamber
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 - Filipino American SEC
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 - FWD.us
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 - Glendale Association of Realtors
 - Glendale Chamber
 - Glendora Chamber
 - Greater Los Angeles Auto Show
 - Greater Lakewood Chamber
 - Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber
 - Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association
 - Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce
 - Harbor City / Harbor Gateway Chamber
 - Harbor Trucking Association
 - Hollywood Chamber
 - Hospital Association of Southern California
 - Hotel Association of Los Angeles
 - Industry Manufacturers Council
 - International Warehouse Logistics Association
 - Inglewood Airport Area Chamber
 - Investing in Place
 - Irwindale Chamber
 - Japan Business Association of Southern California
 - La Canada Flintridge Chamber
 - LAX Coastal Area Chamber
 - Leadership for Urban Renewal Network
 - League of California Cities
 - Local Search Association
 - Long Beach Area Chamber
 - Los Angeles Area Chamber
 - Los Angeles Black MBA Association
 - Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator
 - Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition
 - Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs
 - Los Angeles County Waste Management Association
 - Los Angeles Junior Chamber
 - Los Angeles Latino Chamber
 - Los Angeles Metropolitan Hispanic Chamber
 - Malibu Chamber
 - Los Angeles Parking Association
 - Los Angeles Urban League
 - Los Angeles World Affairs Council
 - Pacific Palisades Chamber
 - Pasadena Chamber
 - Pomona Chamber
 - Maple Business Council
 - Motion Picture Association of America
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 - Most Worshipful Hiram Tyre Grand Lodge
 - NAIOP Southern California Chapter
 - National Alliance for Jobs and Innovation
 - National Association of Women Business Owners, LA
 - Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
 - Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors
 - Planned Parenthood Southern California Affiliates
 - Recording Industry Association of America
 - Redondo Beach Chamber
 - Regional Black - San Fernando Valley Chamber
 - Regional Hispanic Chamber
 - Regional San Gabriel Valley Chamber
 - Rosemead Chamber
 - Rotary Club of Los Angeles
 - San Gabriel Chamber
 - San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance
 - San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
 - Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corp.
 - Santa Pedro Peninsula Chamber
 - Santa Monica Chamber
 - Santa Monica Junior Chamber
 - Small Business Action Committee
 - Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers - Los Angeles
 - South Asian Business Alliance Network
 - South Bay Association of Realtors
 - South Bay Association of Realtors
 - Southern California Golf Association
 - Southern California Growers
 - Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council Inc.
 - Southern California Water Committee
 - Southland Regional Association of Realtors
 - South Park Stakeholders Group
 - Toluca Lake Chamber
 - Torrance Area Chamber
 - Town Hall Los Angeles
 - Tri-Counties Association of Realtors
 - United Chambers San Fernando Valley
 - Universal City North Hollywood Chamber
 - United States-Mexico Chamber
 - U.S. Green Building Council-LA
 - Valley Economic Alliance
 - Valley Economic Development Center
 - Valley Industry & Commerce Association
 - Valley International Trade Association
 - Vernon Chamber
 - Vietnamese American Chamber
 - Water Replenishment District
 - We Care for Humanity
 - West Hollywood Chamber
 - West Los Angeles Chamber
 - West San Gabriel Valley Association
 - Western Manufacture Housing Association
 - Westside Council of Chambers
 - Western States Petroleum Association
 - West Valley/Warner Center Chamber
 - Westwood Village Improvement Association
 - Wilmington Chamber
 - Young Professionals in Energy - LA Chapter
 - Youth Business Alliance
 - Warner Center Association